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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Homelessness is often cited as one of the most prominent indicators of our nation's social and economic condition. Even during the unprecedented economic boom of the late 1990's, the rising tide of the economy did not lift all boats. As income inequality increased, the economic security of low-income families decreased. Now, in the wake of a sharp downturn in the economy, marked by increasing unemployment rates and poverty, the economic landscape of the United States and the State of California has changed dramatically. Homelessness is on the rise nationally and statewide. In an effort to generate valid qualitative and quantitative data regarding the issue of homelessness in San Bernardino County, the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (formerly Community Services Department of San Bernardino County) contracted Applied Survey Research (ASR) to conduct the first comprehensive and systematic Homeless Census and Survey of San Bernardino County, California. This executive summary provides an overview of the process, and the results, of this groundbreaking study.

METHODOLOGY

The two-fold methodology used in this study was successfully implemented in several counties across California, and touted as an example of exceptional innovation by a statewide coalition of homeless advocacy and service provider organizations. The cornerstone of this methodology was the first component, a peer-oriented, point-in-time (daily) count of street and sheltered homeless. The street count portion of this census was accomplished through a systematic canvassing of all voting districts of every city throughout the County, while the shelter count involved telephone interviews with every known emergency shelter, transitional housing facility, hospital, jail, motels that accept vouchers, and any other location that might be temporarily housing homeless residents on the evening of the census. To supplement the point-in-time figure, an annual estimate of homeless individuals was also calculated.

The second major component of the project consisted of comprehensive one-on-one interviews, which were conducted with 1,723 homeless San Bernardino County residents in order to shed some light on who the homeless are, what caused their homelessness, what it is like to experience homelessness, and what services they need in order to transition into permanent housing. All of the research activities were community inclusive and relied heavily on homeless residents and service providers in the data collection phase.

WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS?

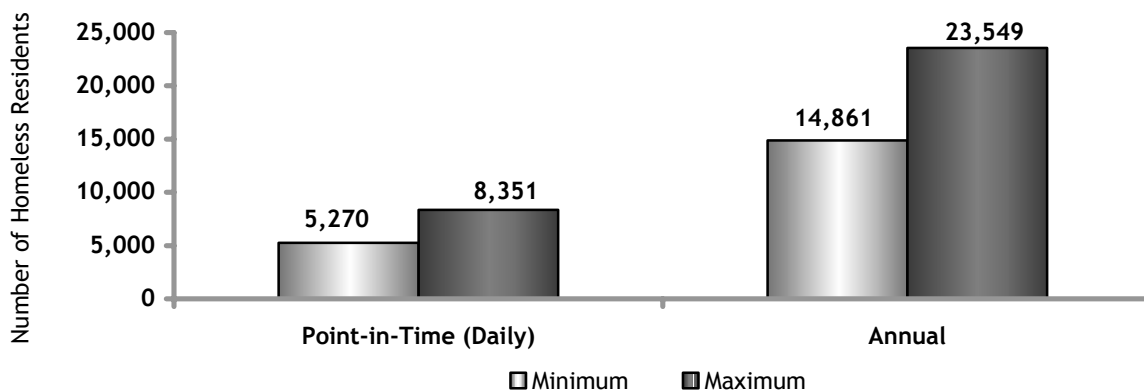
According to the Stewart B. McKinney Act of 1987, a person is homeless if he or she lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and has a primary nighttime residence that is either a

public or private shelter, an institution that provided temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private location that was not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS?

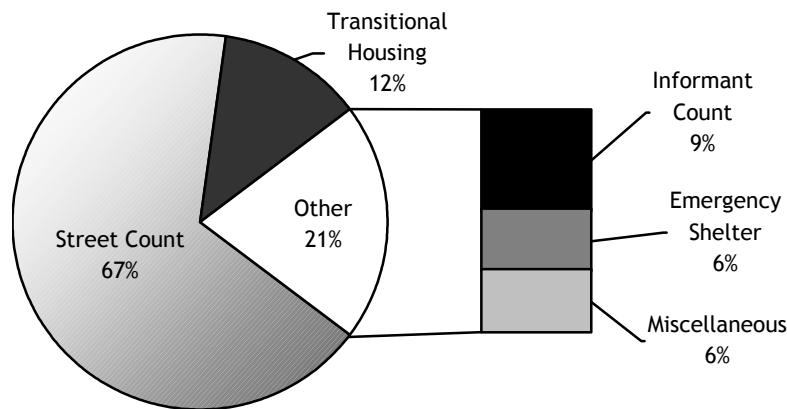
The estimated point in time (daily) number of homeless residents in San Bernardino County in 2002 ranged between a minimum of 5,270 persons to as many as 8,351 persons. Survey data regarding the average length of homelessness indicates that the homeless population renews itself approximately 2.82 times during every year, or stated differently, that between 14,861 and 23,549 unduplicated San Bernardino County residents experience homelessness in a given year. This range represents between 0.8% and 1.3% of the County's total population. This percentage is comparable to current national estimates of homelessness, which range between 2.3 and 3.5 million individuals, or approximately 0.9% to 1.3% of the national population (*Millions Still Face Homelessness in a Booming Economy: New Estimates Reveal a Large and Changing Homeless Population Served by Growing Diverse Network*, Urban Institute, 2000).

Figure 1 — Estimated Point-in-Time (Daily) and Annual Range of Homeless Residents in San Bernardino County, 2002



Most homeless counted in the census (67%) were observed during the street count. Additionally, many homeless (12%) were counted in transitional housing facilities and fewer (6%) were counted in emergency shelters. Overall, less than one-fifth of those counted were counted in shelter and transitional housing facilities. Further, many groups were likely to have been undercounted, including those who live in automobiles, vans, converted garages, and other structures not intended for human habitation.

Figure 2 – Percentage of San Bernardino County Homeless Residents Counted by Census Category (n=5,270)

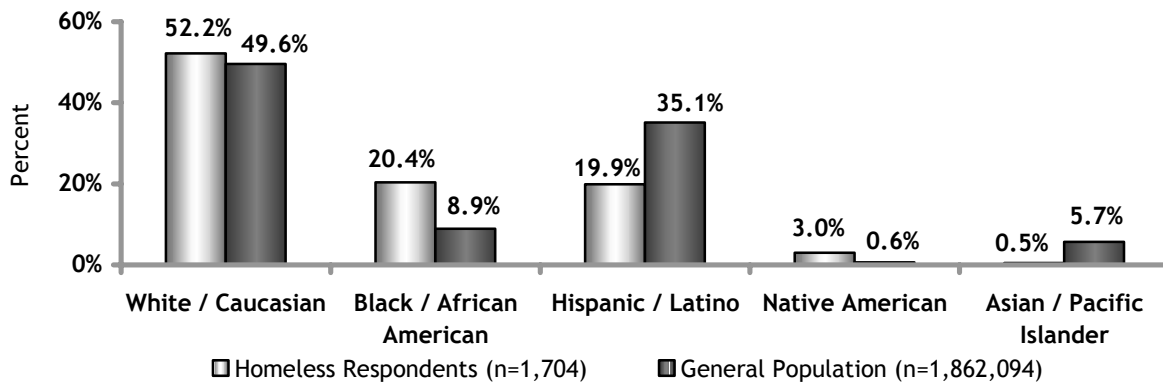


More than two-thirds of homeless counted in the enumeration were individuals, most of which (73%) were individual adult males. Nearly 900 homeless adult women were counted in the enumeration, comprising nearly 25% of all homeless individuals counted. Further, 116 unaccompanied children under the age of 18 years were also counted in the enumeration. More than 300 homeless families were counted, representing 1,118 homeless family members and 21% of all homeless persons counted. Of these family members, 15% were adult males, 29% were adult females, and the remaining 56% were homeless children under the age of 18 years. Overall, including individuals and families, a total of 737 homeless children under 18 years old were counted, representing 14% of all homeless persons counted.

WHO ARE THE HOMELESS?

The face of homelessness in the United States is changing, and includes increasing numbers of women and families with children. Similarly, the homeless population of San Bernardino County is diverse, representing a range of racial / ethnic groups, ages, and family compositions. The “typical” homeless respondent was a Caucasian male, 39 years old, who had lived in San Bernardino County for more than 10 years, had a high school diploma, and had never served in the military. The racial / ethnic distribution of homeless residents did not closely mirror that of the general population. While a comparable percentage of the homeless population were Caucasian, within that population African Americans were over-represented, and Latinos were under-represented.

Figure 3 – Which Racial / Ethnic Group Do You Identify With the Most?



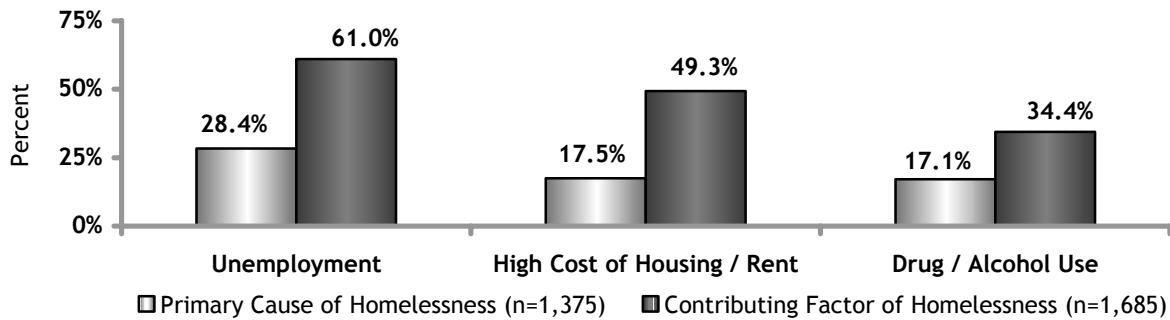
Source: General population data provided by the State of California Department of Finance, *Race / Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail*, 2003.

Nearly one-third of homeless survey respondents (32%) were women. Many homeless respondents reported living alone (45%) while 41% lived with family or friends and 13% lived with a spouse or partner. Half of respondents had children (49%), and a third (32%) had children under the age of 18. Further, more than one in every ten survey respondents (12%) had at least one child under age 18 currently living with them.

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS?

The greatest cause of homelessness reported by respondents in San Bernardino County was unemployment. Nearly one-third of survey respondents (28%) indicated that unemployment was the primary cause of their homelessness, and even more respondents (61%) indicated that unemployment was a contributing factor in their homelessness. In addition, nearly one-fifth of respondents (18%) reported that the high cost of housing was the primary cause of their homelessness, with nearly half of all respondents (49%) indicating that the cost of housing was a contributing factor. Additionally, more than one-third of respondents indicated that alcohol or drug use contributed to their homelessness, and 17% indicated that alcohol or drug use was the primary cause of their homelessness. More than one in every ten respondents (12%) reported that mental health issues contributed to their becoming homeless, and 2% indicated that mental health issues were the primary cause of their homelessness.

Figure 4 – What Factors Contributed to or Caused Your Homelessness? (Top 3 Responses)



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE HOMELESS?

Respondents' experiences of homelessness varied greatly. For example, homeless residents of San Bernardino County are living in a wide variety of locations. Most commonly, respondents were living on a temporary basis in situations like "couch-surfing" with family and friends (31%), or were living outdoors (28%). Nearly a quarter of respondents (23%) indicated that they were living in some sort of shelter or transitional housing, and many others were living in an automobile (9%) or in a converted garage or other structures not intended for human habitation (9%).

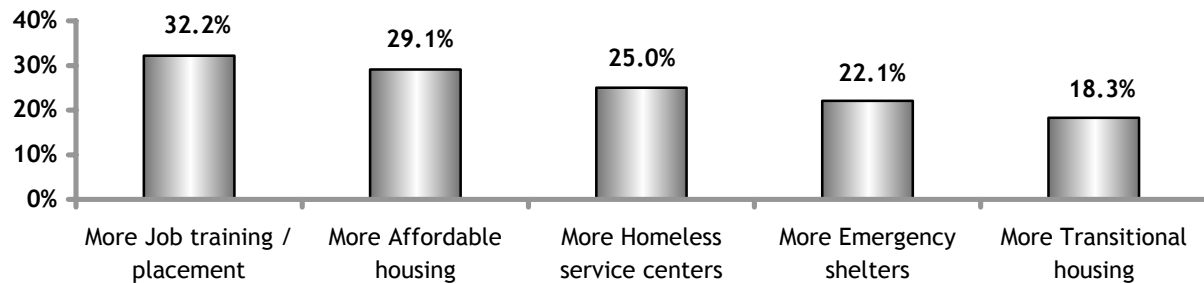
The length of time that respondents had been homeless also varied considerably, with 10% of respondents indicating that they had been homeless for less than one month, and 8% reporting that they had been homeless for more than five years. The greatest portions of respondents had been homeless for 1 – 2 years (21%) or more than 2 years (21%). The experience of homelessness in San Bernardino County is also marked by poverty, hunger, and illness. Nearly 90% of homeless respondents earn less than the Federal Poverty Level of \$750 per month, 46% do not usually get enough food to eat, and 27% didn't receive the health care they needed within the past year.

WHAT SERVICES DO THE HOMELESS NEED?

Many services are available to homeless residents of San Bernardino County, yet some homeless residents are not receiving the services they need. Although 18% of respondents were receiving food stamps, 12% were receiving Medi-Cal, and 11% were receiving Social Security Insurance, two thirds of respondents (67%) were not receiving any of these types of government assistance. These respondents were asked why they were not receiving any type of governmental assistance. Although the income data confirms that most if not all homeless respondents were living under the Federal Poverty Level and therefore qualify for a range of services, the most frequently cited answer was that respondents did not think they were eligible to receive such services (29%). Additional responses included lack of a permanent address (26%) and lack of proper identification (23%). Some respondents indicated that they had never applied for such services (21%), they disliked the hassle (18%), or they did not need government assistance (8%).

Finally, homeless survey respondents were asked what types of homeless services San Bernardino County needs the most. The answers to this question mirror the causes of homelessness, as the number one service requested by the County's homeless population is more job training and placement programs (32%), followed closely by more affordable housing (29%). The availability of more emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities were fourth and fifth on the list of requests.

Figure 5 – In Your Opinion, What One Type of Service Does San Bernardino County Need the Most? (Top 5 Responses)



Multiple response question with 1,686 respondents offering 2,951 responses.

CONCLUSION

Overall, the results of this study show that despite the hard work of countless devoted service providers, San Bernardino County continues to struggle with the growing problem of homelessness. Further, while much previous statewide and national research on homelessness has focused primarily on behavioral factors, data contained within this report emphasizes the importance of economic factors that influence homelessness. With unemployment cited as the greatest cause of homelessness in San Bernardino County, and job training and placement cited by homeless respondents as the service most needed, it is clear that economic issues are paramount. The prominence of homeless women, and homeless families with children, demonstrate that the County's homeless population is diverse and dynamic. As the characteristics and needs of the homeless population continue to evolve, the importance of measuring such characteristics and needs heightens. This community-wide research effort, and the results that have been established, hold the potential to assist San Bernardino County in the acquisition of additional funding for homeless services, as well as to help service providers craft and refine programs that truly reflect the needs of the dynamic population they serve.

INTRODUCTION

The following report is a presentation of the findings of the *San Bernardino County 2003 Homeless Census and Survey*. This research effort, which spanned the entirety of the largest County in the continental United States, was conducted by Applied Survey Research (ASR) in November and December of 2002 under the leadership of the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (formerly Community Services Department of San Bernardino County). The general goals of this study were twofold. The first goal was to conduct the first comprehensive homeless census ever conducted in San Bernardino County, therefore generating quantitative data regarding the number of County residents who are homeless at a given point in time, as well as the number of County residents who experience homelessness annually. This quantitative data will be used to generate the Gaps Analysis component of the Continuum of Care Document, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in order to increase funding for homeless services in San Bernardino County.

The second goal of this study was to conduct a comprehensive survey of a geographically representative sample of homeless residents in order to generate qualitative data regarding the demographics as well as the health and housing needs of this community. The findings of this report will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors, and will be shared with city governments, the community of service providers, as well as the general County population. These results are intended to help improve current homeless management policy and empower all agencies and groups to more effectively develop services and programs to serve the County's homeless population.

This report is organized into two major sections, one that focuses on results of the homeless census, and the other that focuses on results of the homeless survey. Preceding these major sections is a detailed description of the methodology that was used to carry out this research. This document also includes an appendix section, which contains a complete set of census and survey findings, as well as relevant supporting documents.

San Bernardino County 2003 Homeless Census and Survey
INTRODUCTION

METHODOLOGY

A mixed method research design was used to conduct the *San Bernardino County 2003 Homeless Census and Survey*. The design consisted of two major components: a point in time census of homeless individuals, and a survey of homeless individuals. The specific methods used to conduct each of these components are described below.

For the purposes of this study, the Federal McKinney Act definition of homelessness was used. The operational definition of homelessness is:

1. An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and
2. An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
 - a. A publicly supervised or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional shelter for the mentally ill),
 - b. An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or
 - c. A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A project Oversight Committee was formed to assist ASR and Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (formerly Community Services Department of San Bernardino County) in the development and implementation of the methodology, to share the benefit of their expertise regarding the homeless population and the geographic regions of San Bernardino County, and to assist in the analysis of the data and the production of the final report. This Oversight Committee met approximately monthly to ensure that the project reflected the unique needs of San Bernardino County's homeless community, as well as to ensure that the service provider community was informed about, and participated in, the data collection efforts. This committee was comprised of representatives from ASR, Community Action Partnership, homeless service providers, the Department of Behavioral Health, the Bureau of Detentions, the Sheriff's Department, and the Public Health Department.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Critical to the research effort was the involvement of service providers and their clients. Service providers were helpful in introducing the researchers to the homeless community and legitimizing project activities. This was vital due to the high degree of mistrust that exists within the homeless

population. A project announcement and mobilization meeting targeting government and service representatives was convened early in the planning stages of the project. The research team also conducted six training sessions throughout the County in the cities of Victorville, Barstow, Joshua Tree, Upland, San Bernardino, and Crestline. These training sessions were advertised through dozens of service provider locations including shelters, transitional housing, and food banks. During the training sessions, trusted opinion leaders among the service providers and from the homeless community helped give direct insight into the conditions present among the homeless population. Homeless people were encouraged to share experiences and suggestions for a successful research effort. Additional outreach took place at the San Bernardino Homeless Care Faire. Information regarding the dates and locations of trainings, as well as the dates and locations of project activity sites, were available to any party interested in participating. Every research participant was required to sign a Hold Harmless statement indicating that they willingly agreed to participate.

In addition to the outreach efforts of service providers, the Oversight Committee, and Community Action Partnership staff, the information disseminated through the *San Bernardino Sun* newspaper was also an extremely useful outreach tool. Every week for the six weeks coinciding with the recruitment and training period, the *San Bernardino Sun* published a feature article regarding the issue of homelessness. These feature articles brought a human face to homelessness in the County by highlighting the stories of specific individuals, as well as including key information about project activities to readers who wanted to participate in the study.

HOMELESS CENSUS

The *San Bernardino County 2003 Homeless Census* was the first comprehensive homeless census ever conducted in San Bernardino County. The goal of this effort was to generate quantitative data regarding the number of County residents who are homeless at a given point in time, as well as the number of County residents who experience homelessness annually.

CENSUS TEAM RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

The census enumeration required extensive recruitment efforts. Census activities were promoted in every training session, as well as individually with some volunteers who could not attend the trainings. Every effort was made to contact any party who expressed a desire to participate in the street count. Of special interest were homeless individuals, as they possess an intimate knowledge of places homeless individuals are likely to be found and a familiarity with many persons in the homeless community. Because of the outstanding efforts of many service providers and community volunteers, every census enumeration team included at least one trained homeless individual.

All census team members were mandated to attend a training session to learn about the project and protocol associated with the enumeration process (see Community Outreach). Enumerators were also given guideline sheets in English or Spanish summarizing the information from the trainings. Census team members were given explicit instructions to count individuals who were homeless or appeared to be homeless (utilizing the McKinney definition). In order to abide by the strict non-intrusive observation policy, enumerators were instructed not to approach, question, or interact

with individuals in any way. Census team members were trained to record counts on a tally sheet. Safety was emphasized during all training sessions. Enumerators were instructed never to leave their group, nor to go anywhere they felt might be unsafe. For information and safety purposes, the County Sheriff's Department and all city police departments were notified of census activities in advance of the enumeration.

STREET COUNT

The street count component of the census enumeration covered all areas of San Bernardino's incorporated cities, as well as unincorporated areas that were known to have large populations of homeless residents. Fifteen deployment locations were established. Ontario and Chino deployment locations were covered on November 19, 2002. Fontana, Colton, Upland, and two San Bernardino locations were covered on November 20, 2002. The remaining deployment locations, which included Redlands, Victorville, Barstow, Hesperia, Big Bear, Needles, Yucca Valley, and Crestline, were covered on November 21, 2002. Each deployment location had an individually trained team captain. These captains were responsible for managing team issues including reviewing training materials with the census workers, assigning specific areas to teams, and collecting the completed tally sheets.

Areas were assigned based on the team's ability to cover an area by foot or vehicle, team members' knowledge of the area, and in some cases, the number of homeless people expected to be encountered. Team captains were instructed to call a dispatch coordinator stationed at Applied Survey Research in Watsonville. The dispatch coordinator was in contact with all team captains via cellular telephones and was able to reallocate human resources among the groups as necessary. All census activities undertaken near shelter locations were prioritized for early canvassing to reduce possible count duplication of shelter inhabitants.

Census tally sheets were collected and verified upon return to ensure that all areas had been adequately canvassed. Qualitative data about the census effort was noted, and border-area teams conferred to ensure that they did not duplicate counts on common streets. Many reports of abandoned sleeping areas and overcrowded housing were noted, yet were not included in the count.

SHELTER COUNT

The shelter count was conducted using a list of all known shelter operators in San Bernardino County as provided by the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (formerly Community Services Department of San Bernardino County). This list was reviewed and checked for accuracy by the Oversight Committee to ensure that all possible shelter sites were included. In addition to defined homeless emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities, the list was expanded to include motels that accept vouchers, County jail, residential drug and alcohol treatment centers, and local hospitals.

Shelter occupancy data was gathered by conducting telephone interviews with all known shelter locations from November 19-21, 2002. The research team experienced a high level of cooperation from shelter staff and was able to collect all of the shelter count data in a timely manner.

INFORMANT COUNT

Many enumeration teams reported to their deployment captains that they did not see as many homeless as they had expected to see or usually see on a daily basis. When homeless enumerators were certain that a particular homeless individual was not counted, based on their personal knowledge of the specific individual and that person's location, that person was included in a separate category referred to as the "informant count".

HOMELESS SURVEY

The *San Bernardino County 2003 Homeless Survey* was conducted in conjunction with the Homeless Census to provide qualitative data regarding the demographics of the homeless population, as well as the experiences and needs of this group. Each survey represents a lengthy, in-depth, one-on-one interview conducted by a fellow homeless person or trusted service provider. This participatory approach is believed to generate the highest level of trust and candor between the interviewer and respondent. This trust in the survey process dramatically increases both the breadth and depth of the interviews conducted. Although potential duplication of respondents was a concern, the Committee agreed that by collecting respondent's initials and date of birth, duplication could be avoided without compromising the respondent's anonymity. After an extensive verification process, 37 duplicate surveys were identified, and all were omitted from the results.

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

The development of the survey instrument was an inclusive process involving the participation of many stakeholders. The survey included both closed and open-ended questions, as well as several multiple response questions. Once the draft questionnaire was developed, reviewed, and modified, the instrument was pilot tested with homeless respondents in a different county to assure that survey questions and skip patterns were understandable. The survey pre-tested at nearly thirty minutes in length. Finally, to accommodate Spanish-speaking participants, the survey was translated into Spanish. The Oversight Committee set the ambitious goal of collecting 1,595 valid surveys (see Sampling Strategy). To boost survey response, pre-paid international phone cards were purchased for use as an incentive for participation. Ultimately, 1,723 valid surveys were collected.

INTERVIEWER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Like census enumerators, interviewers were recruited in a variety of ways such as by word of mouth and through the distribution of flyers. Several public trainings were scheduled throughout the County (see Community Outreach), as well as several private trainings for interested groups or individuals who could not attend scheduled meetings. In some cases, Applied Survey Research conducted impromptu trainings in the field and at shelter locations to provide anyone who wanted to participate in the survey process the opportunity to do so. Potential interviewers were led through a detailed and lengthy orientation. Topics covered included project background information and a review of the census component, as well as detailed instruction on eligibility,

interviewing protocol, prompting for detailed response, confidentiality, distribution of incentives, and safety tips pertinent to the survey component.

SAMPLING STRATEGY

One of the biggest challenges in homeless survey research is developing an appropriate sampling methodology. In a typical research scenario, there is enough preliminary data about the target research population (in this case the San Bernardino County homeless population) to enable the construction of actual sampling frames and to generate a statistical sample of respondents. With some target populations, such as the homeless, the purpose of the study is to gather the same kind of information that would be needed to develop a sampling frame. Without past data to guide the process of sampling, construction of a random and representative (much less proportional) sampling frame of the general homeless population in San Bernardino County was not possible. Instead, an extremely conservative sampling strategy was used, where the pre-existing estimate regarding the number of persons who experience homelessness annually was used as the point-in-time universe. This pre-existing annual estimate of 14,000 homeless individuals was provided by the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (formerly Community Services Department of San Bernardino County) in 2002 based on their preliminary research.

Law requires that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors structure the boundaries of the districts such that each of its five districts contains an equal number of residents. The 2000 Census data determined that the total County population was 1,709,434, meaning that each of the County's five supervisory districts should contain approximately 341,887 residents. Further, it was assumed that the relative number of homeless persons living in each supervisory district would be proportional to the total population. This conservative strategy indicated that a minimum of 1,595 surveys would need to be gathered from homeless adults throughout the districts in order to best approach 95% confidence (+/-5%) that the results of the respondents were representative of the entire San Bernardino County homeless population. However, the extent to which the San Bernardino County homeless adults interviewed may differ from San Bernardino County homeless adults who were *not* interviewed is unknown. Therefore, caution should be exercised in the application of a precise confidence level.

Once the point-in-time Homeless Census was conducted, the original sampling strategy for the Homeless Survey was revised based on the Homeless Census results, which indicated that San Bernardino County homeless residents were *not* equally distributed throughout the County. As expected, districts with a smaller proportion of the County's homeless population yielded a smaller proportion of the total number of surveys. Overall, a total of 1,723 valid surveys were obtained, representing 33% of the homeless individuals counted in the census. The substantial proportion of homeless individuals that completed surveys allows us considerable confidence that the responses of the homeless individuals interviewed reflect the actual characteristics and opinions of the total population of homeless individuals within San Bernardino County.

SURVEY DATA COLLECTION

Interviews of homeless persons began on November 6, 2002, and lasted until December 10, 2002. Surveys were conducted on the streets and at various service provider locations around the County. Care was taken to ensure that interview respondents felt comfortable regardless of the location. During the interviews, respondents were encouraged to be candid in their responses and were informed that these responses would be framed as general findings from the Homeless Survey and not attributed to any one individual.

Overall, there was excellent cooperation from respondents. This was likely influenced by the fact that nearly all of the interviewers were fellow members of the homeless community or were trusted homeless service providers. Respondents' trust in the process seemed to be genuine, and thus more sensitive information was shared. Another reason for cooperation in the process was appreciation of the pre-paid international phone cards, which were distributed as an incentive or reward for participation upon completion of the interview.

SERVICE PROVIDER SURVEY

The final component of the project was a brief questionnaire for shelter service providers. This survey was designed by ASR to measure each shelter's capacity, as requested by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the Continuum of Care Gaps Analysis. The lack of standardization in data collection by homeless service providers produced challenges to accurately examining the number of unduplicated clients served in the past year, as well as the number of people placed on waiting lists and turned away.

DATA ANALYSIS

The *San Bernardino County 2003 Homeless Census and Survey* represents an important quantitative and qualitative research effort. As such, the data collection and analysis associated with this effort were executed carefully and systematically. ASR is committed to tabulating and analyzing data in meaningful ways. ASR's experienced research staff used standard methods of content analysis, grouping similar responses into like categories and assigning a numeric code. All codes were compiled into a codebook. Data integrity was improved by performing a check for duplicate records. Although names of the respondents were not collected due to confidentiality requirements, the respondents' birth date and initials were collected. Birth date, initials, gender, and race / ethnicity were used to screen for duplicate records in the sample, and all duplicate records were eliminated. Coded survey data were then entered twice to ensure accuracy and analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) Base 9.0 and SPSS Tables 9.0.

STUDY LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

CENSUS UNDERCOUNT

No homeless enumeration methodology is without challenges. In fact, the non-intrusive, point-in-time, physical enumeration methods employed, while academically sound, have inherent biases and shortcomings. Even homeless census workers were bound to miss some locations where homeless people were sleeping. Also, for the employed homeless, there is frequently pre-dawn movement to get to jobs, especially among the County's farmworker population. Inclusion of many other homeless individuals who were living in unfit structures was beyond the scope of this study.

In conclusion, the homeless census utilizes a conservative methodology that likely results in an undercount of many groups, especially homeless without citizenship, indigenous homeless, agricultural workers, families, individuals living in sub-standard or overcrowded housing, individuals who do not access services, and individuals who reside in extremely rural areas of the County. This conservative approach is necessary to preserve the integrity of the data collected. It is noteworthy that even though the census is clearly an undercount of the homeless population, the methodology employed is the most comprehensive approach available.

HOMELESS SURVEY UNDER-REPRESENTATION

Contrary to popular belief, most homeless people in the United States cannot easily be identified as such, and are literally indistinguishable from the general population. Many homeless are employed and / or own cars or campers and are fully functioning members of society who, for one reason or another, are unable to secure housing. Consequently, the Homeless Survey does not include an equal representation of all homeless experiences, but tends to over-represent the abjectly poor or street homeless, resulting in under-representation of a potentially large population of homeless persons and families living in substandard or overcrowded housing. The survey does, however, go further to inform the community about homelessness in San Bernardino County than any other available source.

HOMELESS CENSUS FINDINGS

The following results of the 2003 *San Bernardino County Homeless Census* are the most comprehensive findings for San Bernardino County to date. As detailed in the Methodology section, this enumeration effort combines a comprehensive street count with information from shelters, transitional housing facilities, jails, hospitals, hotels that accept vouchers, and many other non-traditional shelter locations where homeless individuals may have been found on the evenings of the census. Please see Appendix I for a more detailed breakdown of census results.

POINT-IN-TIME CENSUS RESULTS

The 2003 *San Bernardino County Homeless Census* had five major components: 1.) a street count; 2.) informant count; 3.) emergency shelter count; 4.) transitional housing count; and 5.) miscellaneous count. The results of the census are organized according to these components. Results are broken down by homeless individuals – who are on their own; and homeless families – who are homeless with a spouse or partner and / or children.

STREET COUNT RESULTS

The following section provides an overview of the results of the street count component of the 2003 Homeless Census, which took place November 19-21, 2002. Table 1 below shows that a total of 3,530 individuals were physically witnessed and counted in the street enumeration over the three-day period. Most of the homeless counted in the street enumeration (84%) were individuals, while 16% were in families. Of the homeless individuals, the majority (72%) were adult males, while 24% were adult females, and 4% (representing 104 individuals) were unaccompanied children under the age of 18 years. During the course of the homeless street count, a total of 160 family units with 575 family members were also observed. Within these homeless families, 22% were adult males, 28% were adult females, and 49% were children under the age of 18 years.

Table 1 – Number of San Bernardino County Homeless Persons Counted in Street Count

DISTRICT	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS				HOMELESS FAMILIES					TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	INDIV. TOTAL	FAMILY UNITS	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	FAMILY TOTAL	
District 1	454	145	22	621	37	31	37	58	126	747
District 2	116	24	6	146	14	5	14	25	44	190
District 3	463	158	46	667	39	43	45	62	150	817
District 4	213	66	0	279	19	15	18	30	63	342
District 5	887	325	30	1,242	51	34	49	109	192	1,434
Total	2,133	718	104	2,955	160	128	163	284	575	3,530

Regionally, the majority of the street homeless encountered (41%) were in the District 5 area, while 23% were found in District 3, 21% were found in District 1, and the remaining 15% were found in Districts 4 and 2.

INFORMANT COUNT RESULTS

As discussed in the Methodology section, homeless enumeration teams were interviewed upon completion of their assignment as to how many individuals they had actually seen, as well as how many individuals they personally knew who were not counted. In the event that a homeless enumerator personally knew another homeless individual that had not been counted on the street, those individuals were counted and included in a separate component called the “informant count”. Overall, a total of 498 street homeless (or 9% of the total census count) were included through the informant count. The majority of these (53%) were counted in District 5. In District 3, 28% were counted, 11% were counted in District 1, 6% were counted in District 2, and the remaining 1% was counted in District 4. Since these individuals were not directly observed, no information about their gender, age, or family status is available.

Table 2 – Number of San Bernardino County Homeless Persons through Informant Count

DISTRICT	INFORMANT COUNT
District 1	57
District 2	30
District 3	140
District 4	7
District 5	264
Total	498

EMERGENCY SHELTER COUNT RESULTS

This section provides an overview of the results of the emergency shelter count component of the enumeration. As Table 3 reveals, a total of 295 individuals were counted by shelter providers over the same three-day period (November 19 – November 21, 2002) in the respective areas in which the street count was conducted. Most (63%) of the homeless counted in the emergency shelter enumeration were counted in families; and individuals comprised of 37%. Fifty-five family units with 186 family members were present in emergency shelters. Within these homeless families, 33% were adult females, 63% were children under the age of 18 years, and the remaining 4% were adult males. Of the 109 homeless individuals counted in emergency shelters, most (68%) were adult males, while more than a fourth (29%) were adult females and 3% were children under the age of 18 years.

Table 3 – Number of San Bernardino County Homeless Persons Counted in Emergency Shelter Count

DISTRICT	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS				HOMELESS FAMILIES					TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	INDIV. TOTAL	FAMILY UNITS	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	FAMILY TOTAL	
District 1	33	11	0	44	12	0	12	26	38	82
District 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District 3	20	4	0	24	15	1	14	19	34	58
District 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
District 5	21	17	3	41	28	6	35	73	114	155
Total	74	32	3	109	55	7	61	118	186	295

While the composition of homeless counted in emergency shelters is a reflection of eligibility and capacity, the regional distribution of homeless individuals within emergency shelters is largely a reflection of the location of such shelters. Most of those counted in emergency shelters (53%) were counted in District 5, while 28% were counted in District 1 and 20% were counted in District 3. No homeless individuals were counted in emergency shelters in Districts 2 or 4, as no such shelters exist within these districts.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COUNT RESULTS

Unlike the emergency shelter count, where the majority of those counted were within families, most (53%) of the homeless counted in transitional housing were individuals while 47% were in families. Of these individuals 69% were adult males, more than one-fourth (28%) were adult females, and the remaining 3% were youth. Among the 97 family units in transitional housing, the majority (61%) of those counted were children under 18 years. Few adult males (10%) were counted in families, and the remaining 29% were adult females.

Table 4 – Number of San Bernardino County Homeless Persons Counted in Transitional Housing

DISTRICT	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS				HOMELESS FAMILIES					TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	INDIV. TOTAL	FAMILY UNITS	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	FAMILY TOTAL	
District 1	83	23	6	112	29	2	29	47	78	190
District 2	14	18	0	32	25	8	25	51	84	116
District 3	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	16	20	20
District 4	23	2	0	25	1	0	1	2	3	28
District 5	117	55	3	175	38	20	30	71	121	296
Total	237	98	9	344	97	30	89	187	306	650

Like emergency shelters, the regional distribution of homeless individuals counted in transitional housing facilities during the census reflects the location of these facilities. However, unlike emergency shelters, transitional housing exists within each district. The largest proportion of those counted in transitional housing facilities were in District 5, where 46% of the homeless in transitional housing facilities were counted. Districts 1 and 2 followed, with 29% and 18% respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNT RESULTS

In addition to counting homeless on the street, in emergency shelters, and in transitional housing facilities, the Oversight Committee extended the scope of the census to include many other non-traditional locations where homeless individuals might have spent the night on the evenings of the enumeration. These locations included hospitals, mental health facilities, detention facilities such as jails, and motels that accept vouchers. Table 5 summarizes the results of this component of the census.

Table 5 – Number of San Bernardino County Homeless Persons Counted in Miscellaneous Locations

DISTRICT	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS				HOMELESS FAMILIES					TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	INDIV. TOTAL	FAMILY UNITS	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	FAMILY TOTAL	
District 1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
District 2	152	15	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	167
District 3	8	2	0	10	1	1	1	5	7	17
District 4	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	12	19	19
District 5	58	9	0	67	7	3	7	15	25	92
Total	220	26	0	246	12	7	12	32	51	297

A total of 297 persons were counted in miscellaneous locations during the homeless census. The majority of those counted in miscellaneous locations (80%) were counted in detention facilities. These individuals were reported by the Sheriff's Department as having no current address listed and

were considered to be homeless by detention staff. The majority of those counted in detention facilities were counted in District 2, as that is where the largest detention facility is located.

OVERALL HOMELESS CENSUS SUMMARY RESULTS

Table 6 provides a summation of the results of each component of the homeless census previously discussed: the street count, informant count, emergency shelter count, transitional housing count, and miscellaneous location count.

Table 6 – Total Number of San Bernardino County Homeless Persons Counted in all Census Components

DISTRICT	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS				HOMELESS FAMILIES					INFORMANT COUNT	TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	INDIV. TOTAL	FAMILY UNITS	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	FAMILY TOTAL		
1	572	179	28	779	78	33	78	131	242	57	1,078
2	282	57	6	345	39	13	39	76	128	30	503
3	491	164	46	701	59	45	64	102	211	140	1,052
4	236	68	0	304	24	18	23	44	85	7	396
5	1,083	406	36	1,525	124	63	121	268	452	264	2,241
Total	2,664	874	116	3,654	324	172	325	621	1,118	498	5,270

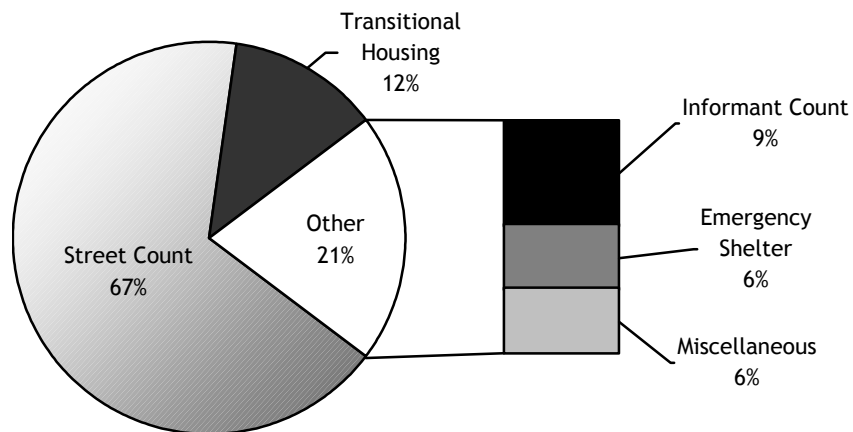
A total of 5,270 homeless persons were counted in the census. More than two-thirds were individuals, most of which (73%) were adult males. Nearly 900 individual homeless adult women were counted, comprising nearly 25% of all homeless individuals counted. Unaccompanied children under the age of 18 years numbered 116.

More than 300 homeless families were counted. These families consisted of 1,118 homeless family members, which equaled 21% of all homeless persons counted. Of these family members, 15% were adult males, 29% were adult females, and the remaining 56% were homeless children under the age of 18 years. Overall, including individuals and families, a total of 737 homeless youth were counted, representing 14% of all homeless persons counted. This percentage is lower than other current estimates of the proportion of homeless children under the age of 18 years in the US (39%) and California (25%) (National Coalition for the Homeless, 2002). While any homeless enumeration is likely to produce an undercount of the homeless population, undercounting of certain sub-groups will be more predominant than others. For example, homeless families are more likely to be doubled up in overcrowded or substandard housing, or living in other situations that are prone to be missed in a homeless census. This is especially true of the homeless children living in such households. For example, of the children identified as homeless by the California Department of Education in 2000, 34% lived doubled up with family or friends, and 23% lived in motels. Only 35% were living in shelters or transitional housing (National Coalition for the Homeless, 2002).

As seen in Figure 6 below, most (67%) of the homeless counted in San Bernardino County were observed during the street count. Additionally, many homeless (12%) were counted in transitional housing facilities and fewer (6%) were counted in emergency shelters. Overall, less than one-fifth of

the homeless counted were counted in emergency shelters and transitional housing locations in San Bernardino County.

Figure 6 – Percentage of San Bernardino County Homeless Residents Counted by Census Component (n=5,270)



Within the County, more homeless were counted in the City of San Bernardino than any other city or area. Nearly one-third (30%) of all homeless individuals counted in the census were encountered in San Bernardino City. The cities of Barstow, Redlands, and Ontario each had approximately 6% or 7% of the homeless counted in the enumeration. Some cities, including Chino Hills, Grand Terrace, and Twenty-nine Palms represented less than half of one percent of those counted, with fewer than 15 homeless individuals counted in each of those cities.

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Table 7 – Homeless Census Summary Data by City/Area

CITY / AREA	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS				HOMELESS FAMILIES				INFOR- MANT COUNT	TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	INDIV. TOTAL	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	YOUTH	FAMILY TOTAL		
Adelanto	21	7	6	34	0	1	9	10	5	49
Apple Valley	67	11	2	80	0	0	0	0	1	81
Barstow	218	69	9	296	9	18	37	64	27	387
Big Bear	3	5	0	8	0	5	6	11	0	19
Bloomington	130	61	0	191	8	14	32	54	0	245
Chino	24	4	0	28	0	0	0	0	5	33
Chino Hills	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	3
Colton	84	44	6	134	3	4	11	18	2	154
Crestline	19	7	6	32	3	10	20	33	0	65
Fontana	49	10	0	59	6	14	23	43	0	102
Grand Terrace	4	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hesperia	109	31	11	151	16	19	25	60	9	220
Highland	74	24	11	109	3	8	13	24	27	160
Joshua Tree	24	20	0	44	6	5	7	18	0	62
Loma Linda	12	4	0	16	0	5	18	23	0	39
Montclair	21	7	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28
Morongo Basin	112	55	12	179	16	20	21	57	0	236
Needles	21	3	0	24	0	0	0	0	15	39
Ontario	190	57	0	247	18	22	43	83	2	332
Rancho Cucamonga	203	24	0	227	1	1	1	3	30	260
Redlands	163	37	14	214	10	13	26	49	84	347
Rialto	145	48	11	204	9	9	15	33	0	237
San Bernardino	724	253	19	996	43	94	210	347	262	1,605
Twenty-nine Palms	9	5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Upland	11	16	0	27	3	14	32	49	0	76
Victorville	103	33	0	136	2	35	53	90	0	226
Yucaipa	71	13	4	88	3	3	6	12	29	129
Yucca Valley	52	25	4	81	13	10	12	35	0	116
Total	2,664	874	116	3,654	172	325	621	1,118	498	5,270

DEVELOPING A POINT-IN-TIME RANGE

In any homeless census, there is an unavoidable undercounting of the street, and non-street homeless, as it is impossible to look in every conceivable location. Further, many homeless individuals living in garages or other structures could not have possibly been encountered. Unfortunately, there is no widely accepted method of determining the exact number of individuals who are not counted in a typical enumeration. To compensate for this challenge, the research team decided to present the results in the form of a range. In order to begin to quantify the number of homeless missed in the census, ASR and the Oversight Committee have combined the use of two separate approaches; one approach estimates the number of street homeless not counted in the census, and the other approach estimates the number of hidden homeless, those homeless residents who were living with family and friends or living in a garage or other unsuitable structure, and therefore could not have been counted in any aspect of the homeless census.

First, in order to estimate the number of uncounted street homeless, census team captains interviewed enumeration teams upon their return to the deployment site regarding the number of homeless they had actually seen (and counted) and the number of homeless they personally knew to be living in the area who were not seen (and not counted). When enumeration teams were certain of the location of other homeless individuals who should have been counted but were not seen on the mornings of the census, this information was included (See Methodology Section).

Second, in order to estimate the number of homeless that could not have been counted in any component of the study (hidden homeless), survey data regarding respondent's primary living situation was examined. A total of 36.9% of survey respondents indicated that they lived in a situation that rendered them unable to be counted utilizing the existing census methodology. These survey respondents were living in a variety of situations, including staying with family and friends, living in a converted garage, or living in other structures not intended for human habitation. Therefore, if 36.9% of the total homeless population could not have been encountered in the homeless census, then the number of persons that were counted in the homeless census could not be more than 63.1% of the actual homeless population. Algebraically, this can be expressed as: $5,270 = 63.1\%X$, where X represents the actual homeless population. In order to create a point-in-time range, the number of homeless counted in the enumeration is used as the minimum end of a range, while the additional 36.9% of the total homeless population (or 3,081 homeless individuals) is added to the minimum to create the maximum end of the range. Therefore, San Bernardino County had somewhere between 5,270 – 8,351 homeless residents at a given point in time (November 19-21, 2002).

Table 8 – Projection of Point-in-Time Range of Homelessness in San Bernardino County

HOMELESS CENSUS COUNT	HIDDEN HOMELESS	PROJECTED HOMELESS COUNT
Street Count - 3,530	Estimated Hidden Homeless = 3,081	Maximum Point-in-Time = 8,351
Informant Count - 498		
Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Miscellaneous Shelter Count - 1,242		
Minimum Point-in-Time = 5,270		

It is important to note that the estimation of hidden homeless does not duplicate the data gathered in the informant count. The informant count is a way to count homeless who are living on the street, while the hidden homeless estimate is a way to count those who are not living on the street or in any type of shelter.

DEVELOPING AN ANNUAL ESTIMATE

Turnover rates (often called multipliers) are based on the understanding that more people experience homelessness annually than can be counted at any given point in time. In any year, people will cycle in and out of homelessness. Some people will remain homeless all year long, while others will experience a short bout of homelessness. A turnover rate attempts to quantify how many times in a year the homeless population, as a whole, renews itself. When a turnover rate is applied to a point-in-time count, it produces an annual estimate of the number of individuals who experience homelessness in a given year. A turnover rate has been calculated for the San Bernardino County homeless population to estimate the number of individuals who experience homelessness annually, based on the point-in-time data collected in this research.

Length of homelessness is an important factor in the calculation of a turnover rate. If every homeless person were homeless for the entire year, the turnover rate would be 1.0, and the number of homeless counted in a point-in-time enumeration would equal the number of people experiencing homelessness that year. If every homeless person were homeless for exactly one month, the turnover rate would be 12, and the number of people experiencing homelessness in a year would be twelve times the number counted in any point-in-time enumeration. Obviously, there is much variation in length of homelessness. Table 9 details the calculation of a turnover rate based on data collected in the 2003 *San Bernardino County Homeless Survey*.

Table 9 – Calculation of San Bernardino County Turnover Rate Based on Survey Results (n=1,687)

LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS	PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS	MINIMUM TURNOVER RATE
Less than one month	10.4%	12
1 - 3 months	16.1%	4
3 - 6 months	18.9%	2
6 - 12 months	12.6%	1
1 - 2 years	21.3%	1
More than 2 years	20.6%	1
Total Respondents	100.0%	Weighted Average¹ = 2.82

Three factors were used to determine categorically specific turnover rates: length of homelessness as reported by respondents, percent of respondents indicating each length, and minimum turnover rate for each length category. For example, 10.4% of respondents said that they had been homeless for less than one month. For this group, the turnover rate could not be less than 12, as there are 12 months in a year. A weighted average was then calculated based on the relative proportion of respondents who fell within each length category.

The net result of this approach suggests a point-in-time to annual multiplier of 2.82, and further indicates that between 14,861 and 23,549 San Bernardino County residents (5,270 and 8,351 x 2.82, respectively) will experience homelessness sometime during 2003. This range represents between 0.8% and 1.3% of the County general population, and is comparable to current national estimates of homelessness, which range between 2.3 and 3.5 million individuals, or approximately 0.9% – 1.3% of the national population (*Millions Still Face Homelessness in a Booming Economy: New Estimates Reveal a Large and Changing Homeless Population Served by Growing Diverse Network*, Urban Institute, 2000).

ASSUMPTIONS

The above calculations are based on two very important assumptions.

- 1) The information gathered in the Homeless Survey is representative of responses that would have been given at any other time during the year.
- 2) The point-in-time census count is representative of a count that would have been obtained at any other time during the year.

Due to the high level of external data validation, the sheer quantity of homeless surveys conducted (1,723), the undercount inherent in any homeless census, as well as the use of a minimum turnover rate for each category, Applied Survey Research believes that the annual projection of homelessness in San Bernardino County detailed above is both conservative and sound.

¹ Weighted Average is calculated as follows. Turnover rate = (10.4%*12) + (16.1%*4) + (18.9%*2) + (12.6%*1) + (21.3%*1) + (20.6%*1).

HOMELESS SURVEY

FINDINGS

The following section provides an overview of the findings that were generated from the 2003 *San Bernardino County Homeless Survey*. These findings are organized by key survey questions (in bold). Missing values have been intentionally omitted from the survey results, and all survey results display valid percentages only. Therefore, the total number of respondents for each question will not equal 1,723. A copy of the survey instrument, as well as a complete list of survey questions and responses, can be found in Appendix II of this report.

DEMOGRAPHICS

In order to better understand the full diversity of homeless residents of San Bernardino County, the study included demographic questions such as age, gender, race / ethnicity, language, military service, educational attainment, residency, and family status.

AGE

Most homeless respondents in San Bernardino County (79%) were between the ages of 26 – 55 years. However, 14% were 25 years old and younger (including 22 respondents who were under the age of 18) and 7% were over age 55 (including 5 respondents who were over the age of 75). The greatest portion of respondents was between the ages of 36 – 45 years, and the median age was 39 years.

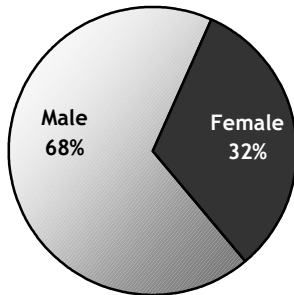
Table 10 – Age of San Bernardino County Homeless Survey Respondents

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Under 18 years old	22	1.3
18 - 25 years old	215	12.6
26 - 35 years old	388	22.7
36 - 45 years old	626	36.6
46 - 55 years old	333	19.5
56 - 65 years old	106	6.2
66 - 75 years old	15	0.9
Over 75 years old	5	0.3
Total	1,710	100.0

GENDER

Among San Bernardino County homeless survey respondents, there were more male respondents than female respondents, accounting for substantially more than half of the total.

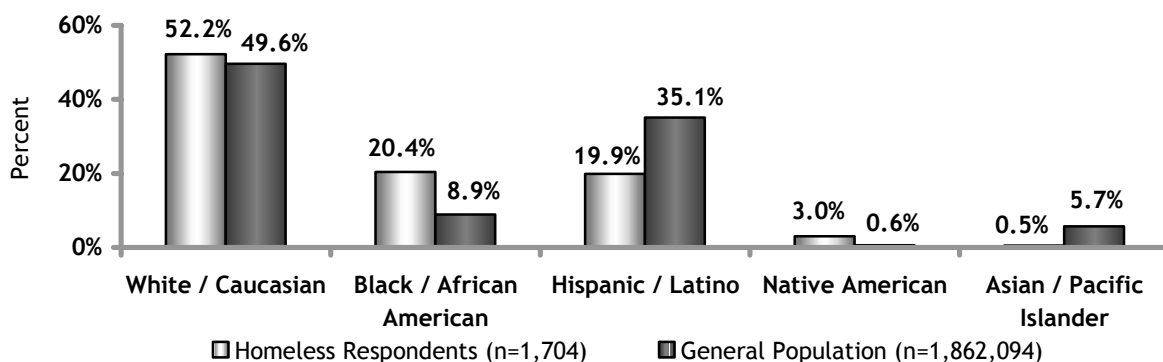
Figure 7 – Gender of San Bernardino County Homeless Survey Respondents (n=1,631)



RACE / ETHNICITY

The largest percentage of San Bernardino County homeless respondents (52%) were Caucasian, correlating with a similar proportion of the County's general population. However, as shown in the following chart, the racial / ethnic distribution of homeless respondents does not closely mirror that of the general population of San Bernardino County. African Americans represent more than 20% of the homeless population, although they comprise less than 10% of the general population. Further, while Hispanic / Latino residents account for more than a third of the general population, less than 20% of homeless respondents identified themselves within this racial / ethnic category. In terms of survey administration, less than 4% of homeless surveys were conducted in Spanish, although Spanish survey forms were available to any respondent who chose to use them.

Figure 8 – Which Racial / Ethnic Group Do You Identify With the Most?



Source: General population data provided by the State of California Department of Finance, *Race / Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail*, 2003.

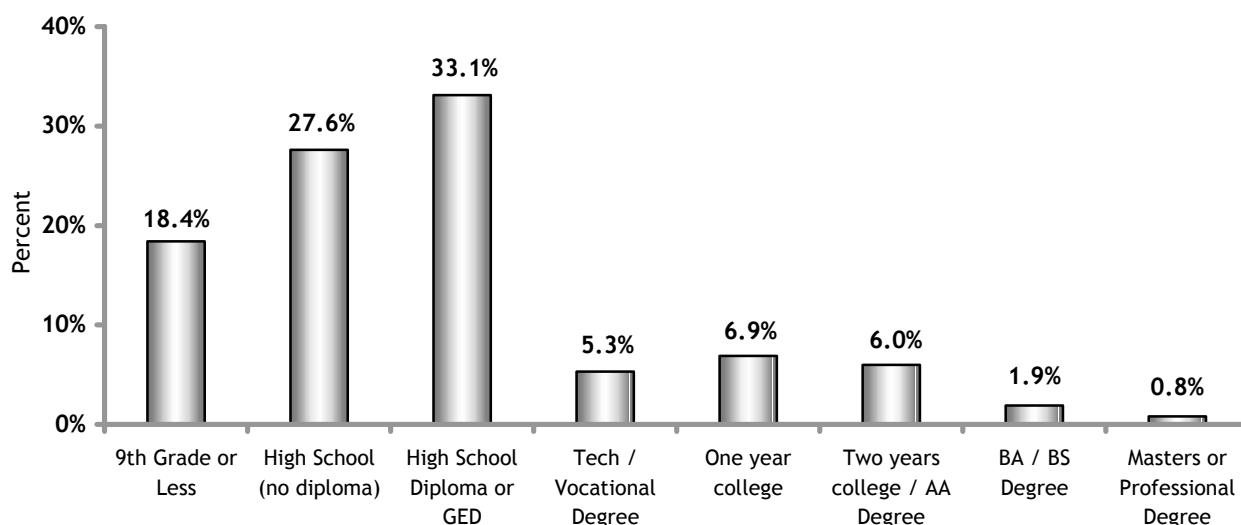
MILITARY SERVICE

Most homeless respondents (85%) indicated that they had not served in the US Military. Of the 15% who were veterans, nearly three quarters (73%) had served during wartime. Most of these veterans (59%) served during the Vietnam War. Nearly one-fourth (22%) had served in the Gulf War, and 9% served in the Korean War. Only one respondent indicated serving during World War II.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Educational attainment among homeless residents is lower than the County overall. According to the 2000 US Census, 10% of adult County residents (ages 25 and above) had completed ninth grade or less, while nearly double that proportion of the homeless population (18%) had completed ninth grade or less. Further, while 74% of adult County residents (ages 25 and above) have at least a high school diploma, only 54% of the homeless population reported having reached that achievement. However, many homeless respondents reported having educational degrees. Five percent of respondents had a technical or vocational degree, 6% had either two years of college or an Associates Degree, nearly 2% had a Bachelors Degree, and nearly 1% of respondents, representing 13 homeless individuals, had a Masters or professional degree.

Figure 9 – What is the Highest Level of Education You Have Completed?
(n=1,700)



RESIDENCY

The overwhelming majority of San Bernardino County homeless residents (91%) were born in the United States, and among the 9% who were not, most (68%) had been living in the US at least six years. Further, most of the respondents were long-time County residents, with nearly half (49%) growing up or spending their childhood in the County. Additionally, 76% of homeless respondents reported that they had lived in the County for at least 3 years, 66% had lived in the County for at least 6 years, and more than half of the respondents (55%) lived in the County for more than 10

years. This data helps illustrate that homelessness in San Bernardino County is more of a local issue than a transient issue.

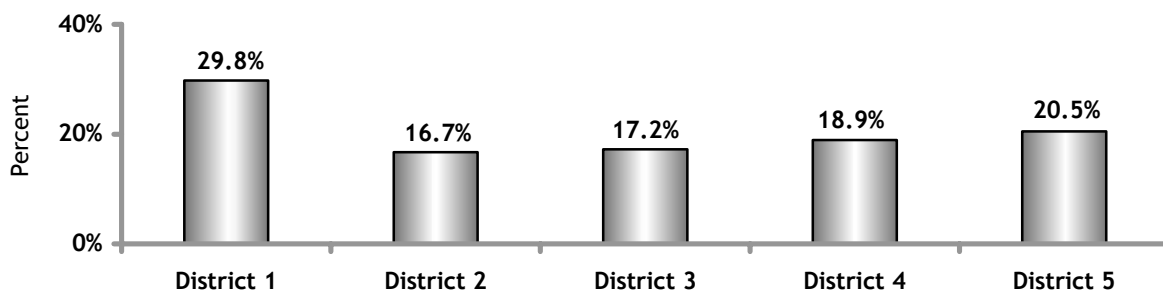
Table 11 – How Long Have You Lived in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 6 months	162	9.6
6 - 11 months	97	5.8
1 - 2 years	140	8.3
3 - 5 years	169	10.0
6 - 10 years	184	10.9
More than 10 years	930	55.3
Total	1,682	100.0

Respondents reported many different reasons for living in San Bernardino County. Of the 1,723 total respondents, 1,705 respondents listed a total of 3,785 reasons for living in the County. The two most frequent responses had to do with length of residency; 40% indicated that they live in San Bernardino County because they know people here, and 34% because their family is here. Additionally, 33% said they live here because they grew up here, 29% because they know the area, and 14% because they feel safe here. The third most frequent answer offered by respondents is that they cannot afford to leave the area or are “stuck here”. Less than 4% of respondents live in the County because of the quality or availability of shelters.

Respondents were asked where in the County they had spent the most nights in the past month. Overall, the cities of Ontario and San Bernardino yielded the highest number of respondents, with 17% and 15% respectively. The distribution of respondents in each city is not intended as a measure of the number of homeless individuals in each city. Instead, the distribution of survey respondents throughout the County was structured to assure that results were geographically representative, and sufficient in number to produce comparisons on a supervisory district level. Overall, the number of respondents within each of the County’s five supervisory districts was fairly even, with the exception of District 1, which generated far more than its proportional share of surveys.

Figure 10 – Distribution of San Bernardino County Homeless Respondents by Supervisorial District



Multiple response question with 1,712 respondents offering 1,810 responses.

FAMILY STATUS

Family status and structure among the homeless population of San Bernardino County varies. Since the surveys were conducted by homeless peer interviewers for approximately one month in numerous locations including neighborhoods near shelters and food banks, homeless were found and interviewed in a variety of situations. Nearly half of respondents (45%) indicated that they lived alone, 25% that they lived with friends, 16% with family, and 13% with a spouse or partner. Overall, half of respondents (49%) had children. Nearly one-third of these parents (32%) had children under the age of 18 years, of which 12% had at least one child under age 18 currently living with them.

Of those who had underage children living with them, 209 respondents reported the ages of potentially 464 homeless children. It is important to note that this figure likely includes duplication, for more than one parent could have reported the existence and age of the same homeless child. However, of respondents who reported that their children lived with them, most (88%) had a child under the age of six years old in addition to children in other age groups.

Table 12 – What Are The Ages Of All of Your Children Under 18 Years Who Are Currently Living With You?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
0 - 5 years	184	88.0
6 - 10 years	126	60.3
11 - 15 years	118	56.5
16 - 17 years	36	17.2

Multiple response question with 209 respondents offering 464 responses.

Nearly one in five respondents (19%) indicated that they had at least one child under the age of 18 *who was not currently living with them*. As to where they live, overall, the most common response (60%) was that the child was living with another parent or guardian. Some respondents (20%) reported that they could not support the child because they were homeless, and 10% said that their children had been placed into protective custody by Child Protective Services or that their children were in foster care.

Table 13 – If You Have Children Under the Age of 18 Who Are Not Living With You, Why Aren't They Living With You?

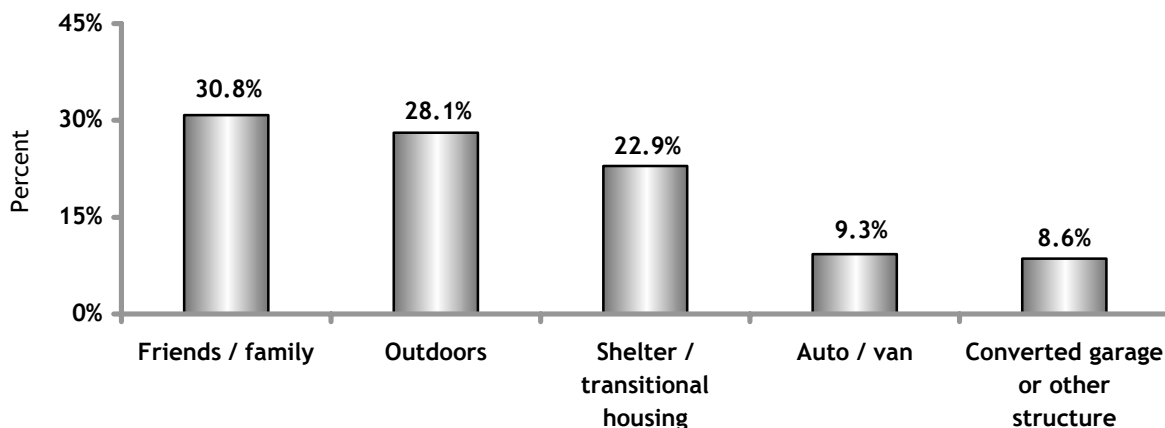
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Living with another parent / guardian	181	60.1
Can't support them because I'm homeless	60	19.9
CPS / Foster care	30	10.0
Living in another state / County	14	4.7
Recently incarcerated	5	1.7
Drug and alcohol reasons	4	1.3
Don't know	4	1.3
Other	3	1.0
Total	301	100.0

A relationship between homelessness and foster care has been well established. The National Coalition for the Homeless estimate that up to 41% of homeless youth have been placed into foster care at some point in their lives (Child Welfare League of America Testimony Submitted to the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care for the Hearing on the Health Care Needs of Children in the Foster Care System, 1999). In San Bernardino County, 12% of homeless respondents indicated that they had been placed into foster care in their youth (before the age of 19 years). The relationship between placement in foster care and eventual homelessness is only one stage in a cycle, but it holds the potential to repeat in future generations. Being homeless can lead to being placed into foster care, which in turn, increases the likelihood of experiencing homelessness again. National research has demonstrated that homeless parents who have been in foster care in their childhood are more than twice as likely to have their children placed into foster care, as compared to homeless parents who have never been in the child welfare system (*Web of Failure: The Relationship between Foster Care and Homelessness*, National Alliance to End Homelessness, 1995). Interestingly, these national findings are not consistent with the findings of this study. Homeless respondents who had been placed in foster care and that had children not currently living with them were only slightly more likely to have had their children placed into foster care (11%) versus those homeless respondents who had not been placed into foster care (10%).

CURRENT LIVING SITUATION

Homeless residents of San Bernardino County are living in a wide variety of locations. Most commonly, respondents were living on a temporary basis in situations like “couch-surfing” with family and friends (31%), or were living outdoors (28%). Nearly one-quarter of respondents (23%) indicated that they were living in some sort of shelter or transitional housing, including 13 respondents who were living in a domestic violence facility. Many others (9%) were living in an automobile or van, and still more (9%) were living in a converted garage or other structures not intended for human habitation.

Figure 11 – Which of the Following Best Describes Your Current Primary Living Situation? (Top 5 Responses)

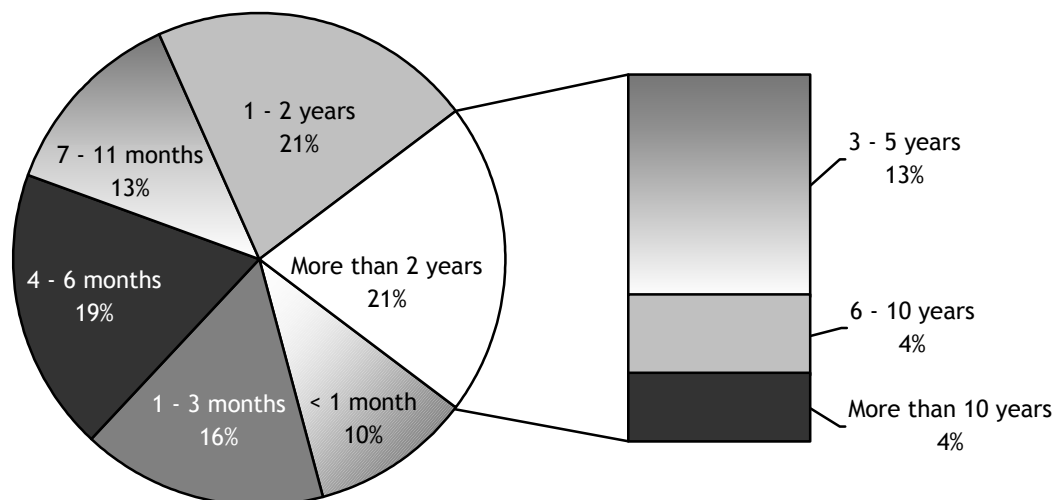


Multiple response question with 1,704 respondents offering 1,781 responses.

LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS

The length of time that respondents in San Bernardino County had been homeless also varied considerably, with 10% of the respondents indicating that they had been homeless for less than one month, and 8% reporting that they had been homeless for more than 5 years. The greatest portions of respondents had been homeless for 1 – 2 years (21%) or more than 2 years (21%).

Figure 12 – How Long Have You Been Homeless Since Your Last Permanent Housing? (n=1,687)



CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

In addition to understanding the characteristics of the homeless population, it is important to understand the reasons for their homelessness and the barriers the homeless face. This section of the report details the leading causes of homelessness in San Bernardino County.

EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS

While 60% of San Bernardino County homeless respondents indicated that they were experiencing homelessness for the first time, the remaining 40% had been homeless at some other point in their lives. In fact, of those who had been homeless before, more than one-quarter of respondents (27%) had previously been homeless only once, and nearly half (47%) had previously been homeless two or three times in their lives.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

San Bernardino County homeless survey respondents were asked what factors contributed to their homelessness. The number one answer, given by 61% of respondents, was unemployment. Nearly half of respondents (49%) cited the high cost of housing, and more than one third (34%) listed drug

and alcohol use. In addition to these frequent responses, 12% indicated that mental health issues contributed to their homelessness. An additional 10% listed domestic violence, and 7% reported that aging out of the foster care system contributed to their homelessness. Domestic violence was more often a contributing factor for women than men, and was reported by more than one-fifth (21%) of homeless women.

PRIMARY CAUSES

After identifying multiple factors that contributed in some way to their homelessness, respondents were asked to identify the single factor that had *the greatest influence* on their current homelessness. Again, the single most common factor that contributed to respondent's homelessness was unemployment (28%), followed by high cost of housing or rent (18%), and drug or alcohol use (17%). The following table displays the 10 leading causes of homelessness in San Bernardino County.

Table 14 – What Was the Single Biggest Factor That Has Contributed to Your Homelessness? (Top 10 Responses)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Unemployment	391	28.4
High cost of housing / rent	241	17.5
Drug or alcohol use	235	17.1
Incarceration	98	7.1
Divorce	67	4.9
Housing eviction	48	3.5
Disability	46	3.3
Conflict with family	38	2.8
Domestic violence	32	2.3
Mental health issues	24	1.7
Total	1,375	100.0

Of the 98 homeless respondents in San Bernardino County who had indicated that aging out of the foster care system contributed in some way to their homelessness, the greatest percentage of these respondents attributed the primary cause of their homelessness to the high cost of housing and rent (28%). Others cited drug and alcohol use (16%), incarceration (5%), family conflict (3%), running away (1%), death of a parent (1%), or domestic violence (1%).

BARRIERS TO SECURING HOUSING

In addition to the initial causes of respondents' homelessness, survey respondents in San Bernardino County also faced additional barriers that prevented them from securing permanent housing. Respondents were asked to list these barriers, and the responses mirrored the initial causes of their homelessness. Unemployment, which is the number one cause of homelessness, is also the greatest barrier homeless face in securing housing. Further, the second greatest barrier was listed as housing affordability (48%) which is a direct result of the number two cause of homelessness – high cost of

housing and rent. However, there are additional factors preventing respondents from securing housing that were not initial factors of their homelessness, including moving costs (31%), bad credit (24%), and transportation (22%).

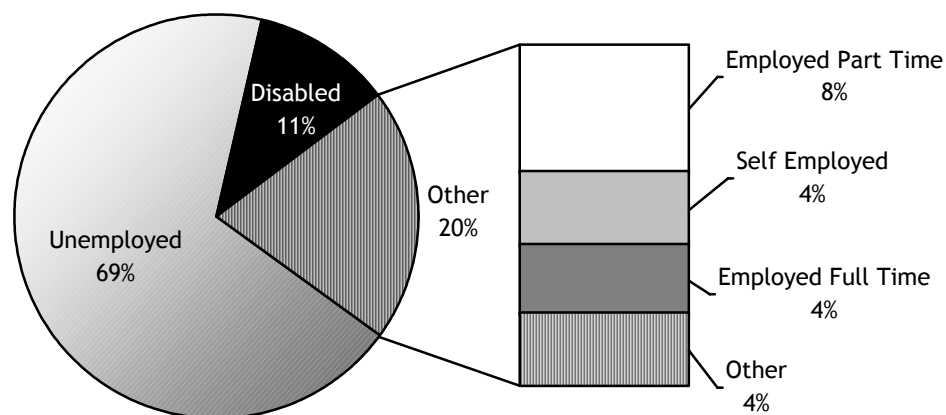
EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

Earning a viable income anywhere in the State of California is an enormous challenge for many. The following section explores the employment and income challenges of homeless residents of San Bernardino County.

EMPLOYMENT

Since survey respondents indicated that the number one cause of homelessness in San Bernardino County was unemployment, it is not surprising that more than two-thirds of homeless respondents (69%) were unemployed. In addition to those who indicated that they were unemployed, many are not able to work. Eleven percent of respondents indicated that they were disabled. Further, many homeless are underemployed. For example, eight percent hold part time jobs (less than 30 hours per week), and four percent are self employed, finding income in a number of odd jobs or temporary jobs. Nearly two-thirds of homeless respondents (61%) are actively looking for employment. Still, despite the challenges of maintaining employment without permanent housing, 4% of homeless respondents did have full time employment (more than 30 hours per week), but had not been able to secure permanent housing. Nationally, a survey of 27 cities found that nearly 25% of homeless individuals are employed (US Conference of Mayors, 2000), as compared to approximately 16% of San Bernardino County homeless residents (including those employed full time, part time, and self employed).

Figure 13 – What Is Your Employment Status? (n=1,678)



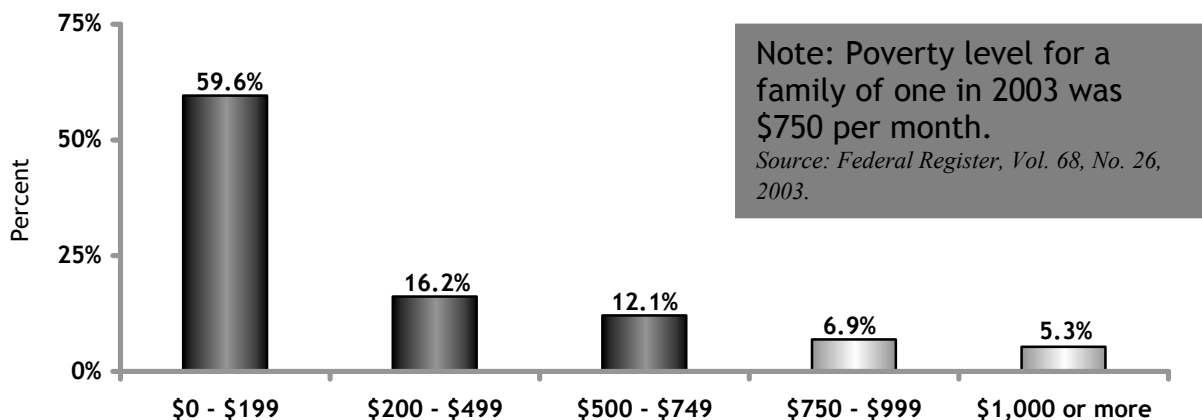
PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME

Aside from income earned at a traditional job, homeless respondents were asked about their other income sources. The greatest portion of respondents (43%) listed “odd jobs” as an income source. Specific activities within this category vary widely from day labor to contract work. Drug sales and prostitution were also cited. Many homeless respondents (25%) received money from family and friends, and 15% received money from a job. Some homeless respondents also indicated that they receive income from government services including welfare or CalWORKs (8.4%), California State Disability (8%), Social Security (8%), General Relief (4%), Veterans Pension (1%) or Unemployment (1%). Four percent of respondents, representing 63 homeless residents, indicated that they had absolutely no source of income whatsoever.

INCOME

Homelessness and poverty are inextricably linked. Families and individuals who suffer from poverty must often make extremely difficult choices, as their income is not sufficient to meet basic needs such as housing, clothing, food, and medical care. Housing, which constitutes an enormous portion of income, is often sacrificed. According to the US Census Bureau, 16% of San Bernardino County individuals and 13% of families fell below the Federal Poverty Level in 2000. This is higher than the proportion of families in poverty statewide (11%) and nationally (9%). Families with children under 5 years old experienced even higher levels of poverty at 22%, and families with a female head of household and children under 5 years old experienced the highest level of poverty, at more than 50%. The monthly income of most San Bernardino County homeless residents (nearly 90%) is less than Federal Poverty Level for a single individual (\$750 per month) yet many also care for children with this meager income. Nearly two-thirds of all survey respondents (60%) earn less than \$200 per month.

Figure 14 – What Is Your Total Monthly Income From All Sources? (n=1,678)



ACCESS TO SERVICES

Many services are available to homeless residents of San Bernardino County, yet some homeless residents are not receiving the services they need. The following section examines which services are being accessed, which services are not being accessed, and the reasons why some services are not being accessed by those who need them most.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Homeless respondents were read a list of governmental assistance programs, and were asked from which, if any, they were receiving assistance. The type of assistance most commonly accessed was food stamps, with 18% of respondents indicating that they receive this type of assistance. Twelve percent of homeless survey respondents receive Medi-Cal, and 11% receive Social Security Insurance.

Table 15 – Are You Currently Receiving Any of the Following Forms of Government Assistance?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Food Stamps	300	18.1
Medi-Cal	202	12.2
Social Security Insurance (SSI)	175	10.5
Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)	122	7.3
General Relief	89	5.4
I am not currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance.	1,106	66.5

Multiple response question with 1,662 respondents offering 1,994 responses.

The data revealed that two-thirds of all homeless respondents in San Bernardino County (67%) were not receiving any of the types of government assistance listed. These respondents were then asked why they were not receiving any type of governmental assistance. Although the income data detailed above indicates that most, if not all, homeless respondents in San Bernardino County were living under the Federal Poverty Level, the most frequently cited answer (29%) was that homeless respondents did not think they were eligible to receive such services. Additional responses about not receiving government assistance included lack of a permanent address (26%) and lack of proper identification (23%). Some respondents (21%) indicated that they had never applied for such services. Still others (18%) reported that they disliked the hassle, and a few (8%) that they did not need government assistance.

Table 16 – If You Are Not Receiving Any Government Assistance, Why Not?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Don't think I'm eligible	349	28.6
No permanent address	314	25.7
Have no identification	279	22.9
Never applied	253	20.7
Dislike hassle	216	17.7
No transportation	190	15.6
Turned down	158	12.9
Do not need government assistance	99	8.1
Will apply for assistance	97	7.9
Waiting for approval	63	5.2
Other	69	5.7
Don't know	2	0.2

Multiple response question with 1,221 respondents offering 2,089 responses.

Survey respondents were also asked how receiving government assistance could be made easier for them. Overall, the most common answer was to make qualification and access for government assistance easier (24%). Some respondents identified services that they needed, including one fifth of the respondents who wanted help finding housing (20%), and a few who wanted strictly financial assistance (8%). Still others wanted job training or placement (6%), any help at all (5%), help obtaining identification (4%), transportation to services (3%), or information about what services are available (3%). Only 34 respondents (3%) indicated that they did not need or want government assistance.

SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Shelter services can provide a safety net for homeless individuals and families, yet most homeless respondents (61%) reported that they had never tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County. Respondents who had attempted to access such services named a variety of facilities. More than one third of those who tried to obtain shelter (36%) sought shelter at Salvation Army facilities, while one fifth sought shelter at the Desert Manna Ministries in Barstow. More than one half of respondents (54%) who have tried to access shelter services have been turned away at some point in their experience of homelessness, usually due to a lack of available beds (47%), but also because they did not qualify for the shelter (28%), or because they chose not to follow shelter rules (18%).

Table 17 – If You Have Ever Been Turned Away by a Shelter or Transitional Housing Facility in San Bernardino County, Why Were You Turned Away?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Shelter had no beds available	180	46.8
I did not qualify	107	27.8
I did not follow shelter rules	69	17.9
I did not have identification	50	13.0
Shelter did not accept pets	23	6.0
Shelter did not accept friend or family	18	4.7
Exceeded time limit of shelter	6	1.6
Problems with drugs or alcohol	6	1.6
Other	11	2.9
Don't know	1	0.3

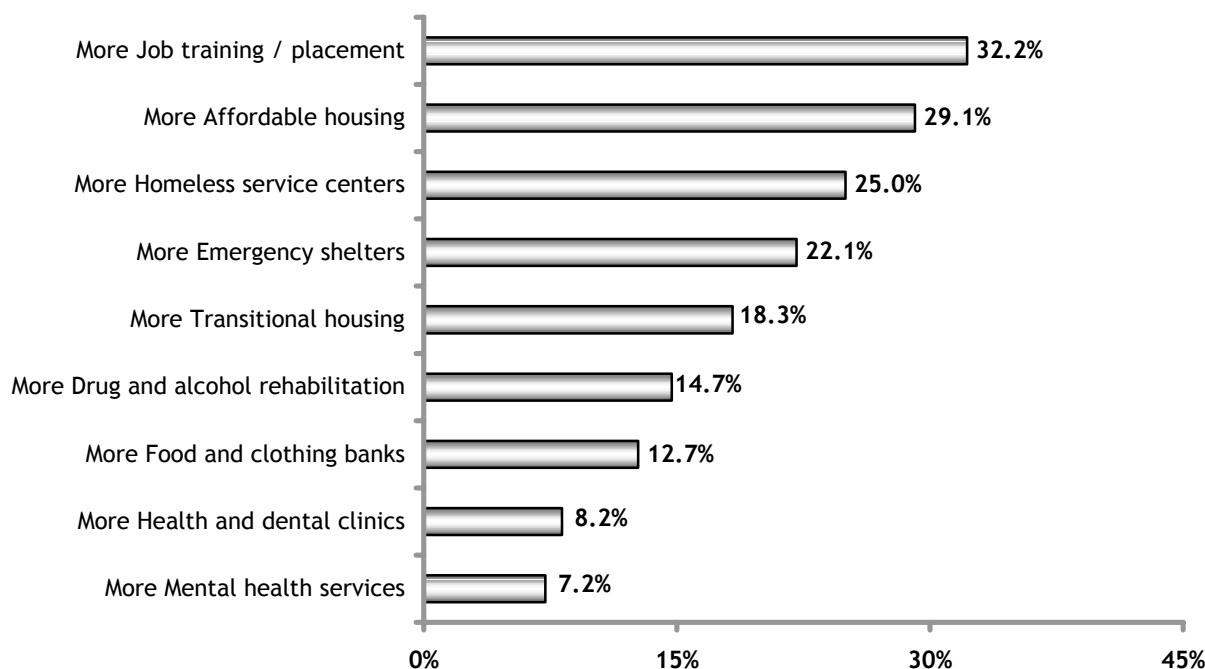
Multiple response question with 385 respondents offering 471 responses.

Many respondents (20%) who had never tried to access shelter or transitional housing said that they were not interested in transitional housing and chose to stay outdoors. However, many (17%) did not know where shelters were located, and 12% chose instead to stay with family and friends. Additional responses were varied, ranging from complaints that shelters have too many rules (6%), lack of bed space (6%), or that they would not access a shelter as a matter of pride (3%). Some survey respondents were even fearful of the theft that occurs in shelters (2%), or complained of overcrowding (1%).

SERVICES NEEDED

Finally, homeless survey respondents were asked what type of homeless service San Bernardino County needs the most. The answers to this question were consistent with those regarding the causes of homelessness. The number one service requested by the County's homeless population is more job training and placement programs (32%), followed closely by more affordable housing (29%). The availability of more emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities were fourth and fifth on the list of requests.

Figure 15 – In Your Opinion, What One Type of Service Does San Bernardino County Need the Most?



Multiple response question with 1,686 respondents offering 2,951 responses.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Access to health care and health maintenance are vital to general well being. While many San Bernardino County residents grapple with the high cost of healthcare, homeless residents are particularly vulnerable to the many unique challenges regarding their health and well being.

DAILY CHALLENGES

Homeless individuals were asked to comment on the problems that they face on a daily basis. While the two most common answers mirror the primary causes of homelessness in the County (insufficient income and lack of work), many other problems reported by the homeless community reflect challenges specific to their health and well being. For example, one-third of respondents (34%) face hunger daily. A similar proportion (30%) grapple daily with depression and anxiety, and more than one quarter reported that adequate personal hygiene, or drugs and alcohol, were daily problems. Further, nearly one in five respondents (17%) face health or dental problems on a daily basis.

HUNGER

Most respondents (63%) indicated that they usually eat at least two meals on an average day, and some (21%) usually have three or more meals per day. However, more than one-third of respondents

(35%) reported usually having only one meal per day, while two percent reported having no meals at all on an average day. Therefore, it is not surprising that nearly half of all respondents (46%) claim that they do not usually get enough to eat.

Figure 16 – How Many Meals Do You Eat on an Average Day? (n=1,670)

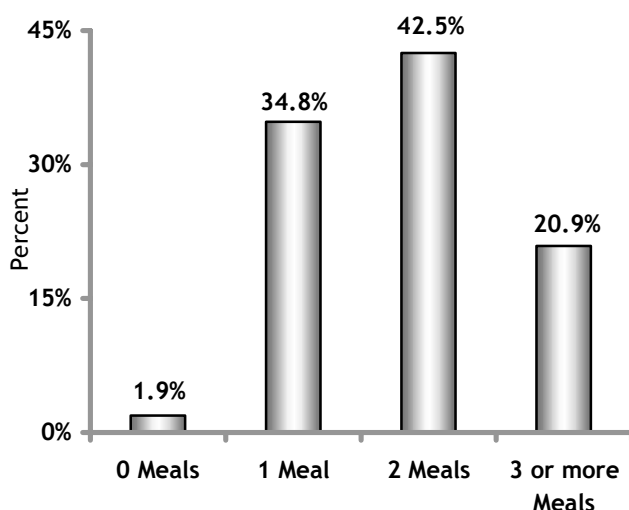
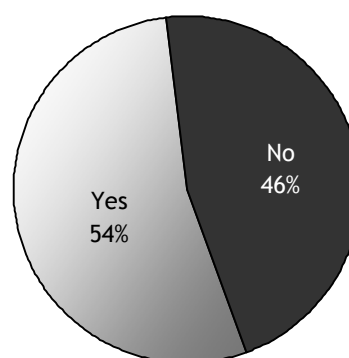


Figure 17 – Do You Usually Get Enough to Eat? (n=1,684)



Respondents who had children were also asked if their children generally get enough to eat. The majority of respondents (87%) said yes, but 13% of respondents reported that their children did not usually get enough to eat.

HEALTH INSURANCE

More than 73% of homeless survey respondents in San Bernardino County did not have any type of health / dental insurance, as compared to only 16% of the general County population according to *The State of Health Insurance in California: Findings from the 2001 California Health Information Survey* conducted by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. Of the homeless respondents who do have insurance, 65% have Medi-Cal, 13% have Medi-Care, and 12% have Veterans Health Care.

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

More than one-fourth of survey respondents (27%) indicated that there had been a time in the last year when they or their children needed health care, dental care, or medications but did not receive that care. Generally, lack of health insurance (67%) was cited as the reason preventing homeless respondents and their children from getting the care they needed, but lack of money (64%), lack of transportation (34%), and lack of information about existing services (20%) were also common responses.

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With a general lack of health insurance, money, transportation, and information regarding health services for the homeless population, many health issues remain untreated until they become emergencies. Therefore, it is not surprising that when asked where they usually receive medical attention, the greatest proportion of respondents (46%) cited the emergency room. Further, although many homeless residents are accessing existing services such as Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (18%), free or community clinics (14%), or public health clinics (7%), many others (16%) claimed that they simply never go anywhere to receive medical attention, and four percent don't know where to go.

Table 18 – Where Do You Usually Go to Receive Medical Attention?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Emergency room	771	45.9
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	302	18.0
Don't ever go	268	16.0
Free / community clinic	226	13.5
Private doctor	159	9.5
Public Health Clinic	112	6.7
Friends or family	84	5.0
Veterans Administration Clinic	77	4.6
SACH Clinic	24	1.4
Other	39	2.3
Don't know	74	4.4

Multiple response question with 1,678 respondents offering 2,136 responses.

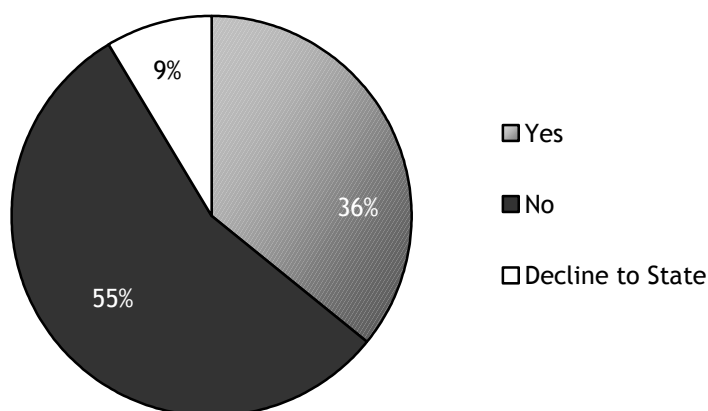
Another common measure of access to health care is the use of preventive care services such as immunizations and prenatal care. Homeless parents were asked whether or not their children had received all of their childhood vaccinations. Three-fourths of respondents (76%) responded in the affirmative, seven percent in the negative, and others (16%) did not know if their children had received all of their childhood vaccinations. Also, of the six percent of female homeless survey respondents who were pregnant at the time of the interview, most (64%) had seen a doctor during the pregnancy, but the remaining 36% had not yet received any prenatal care.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The lifestyle and behavior of some homeless individuals can increase the risk of health problems. Two-thirds of homeless respondents (65%) regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco, as opposed to only 17% of the general population in California in 2001 (*Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Report*, Centers for Disease Control, 2002).

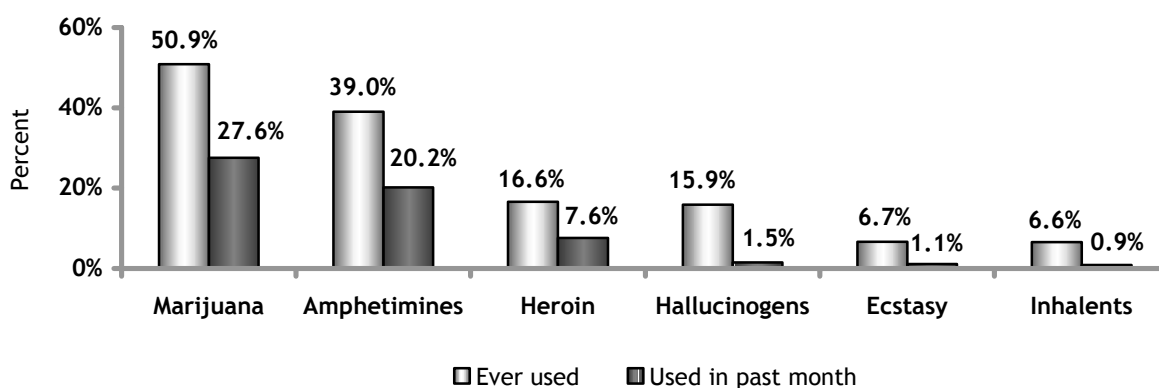
Many homeless respondents suffer from alcoholism or drug addiction. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines binge drinking as the consumption of five or more alcoholic beverages on a single occasion. According to the CDC, 16% of California residents took part in binge drinking in 2001, as compared to 36% of San Bernardino County homeless respondents in 2002. Further, 32% of San Bernardino County homeless survey respondents went on to report that there have been at least five times in the last month when they engaged in binge drinking.

Figure 18 – In the Past Month, Have You Ever Had Five or More Alcoholic Drinks in the Same Day? (n=1,506)



Illicit drug use is also prevalent within the homeless community. Many homeless respondents indicated that they had tried a number of different types of drugs at some point in their lives. However, 23% had never experimented with any type of drug, and nearly half (41%) had not used any type of drug within the last month. The most commonly used drugs reported were marijuana, amphetamines, and heroin.

Figure 19 – Which of the Following Substances Have You Ever Used / Used in the Past Month?



Substances ever used – Multiple response question with 1,659 respondents offering 2,962 responses. Substances used in past month – Multiple response question with 1,618 respondents offering 1,951 responses.

MENTAL HEALTH

Most homeless respondents (69%) have never received services or medications for their mental health in the past. However, at least 19% of respondents have received such services. An additional 12% declined to respond. Of the respondents who have received mental health services or medications, half (50%) were receiving these services at the time of the interview.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

San Bernardino County homeless survey respondents were provided with a list of chronic conditions, ranging from depression and other mental illness to hepatitis and cancer, and were asked whether or not they had ever been diagnosed with any of these conditions. Table 19, below, displays the results.

Table 19 – Have You Ever Been Diagnosed With Any of the Following Conditions?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Depression	320	19.9
High blood pressure	222	13.8
Asthma	164	10.2
Pneumonia and influenza	159	9.9
Other mental illness	140	8.7
Hepatitis (any type)	112	6.9
Sexually transmitted diseases	102	6.3
Heart problems	99	6.1
Diabetes	71	4.4
Cancer (any type)	63	3.9
Tuberculosis	40	2.5
HIV/AIDS	32	2.0
Other	96	6.0
Decline to state	229	14.2
Not applicable (no conditions)	569	35.3
Don't know	2	0.1

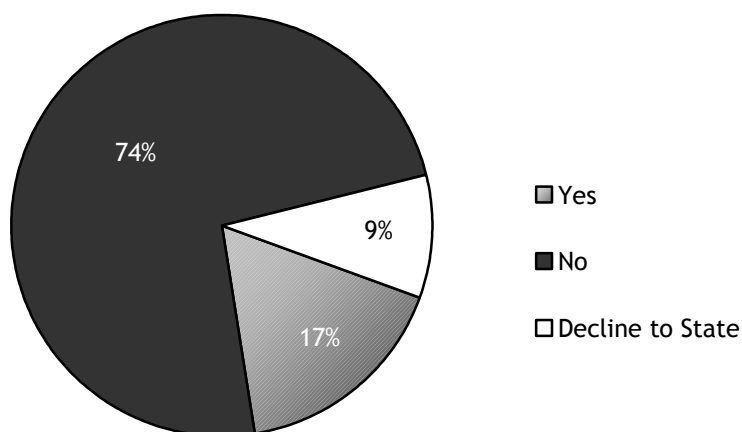
Multiple response question with 1,612 respondents offering 2,420 responses.

More than one third of San Bernardino County homeless survey respondents (35%) have never been diagnosed with any of the conditions listed above. However, 20% had been diagnosed with depression, and 9% had been diagnosed with another mental illness. This compares to similar findings of the US Conference of Mayors (2001), which indicated that approximately 22% of homeless adults suffer from mental illness. Communicable diseases were also prevalent among respondents, as 7% had been diagnosed with some form of hepatitis, 6% with a sexually transmitted disease, 3% with tuberculosis, and 2% with HIV or AIDS. Within the general population of San Bernardino County, a total of 2,745 AIDS cases have been diagnosed as of December 31, 2000, including 394 cases among residents of detention facilities. This total, which excludes HIV diagnoses, represents 1.5% of the total County population. Of the homeless respondents who indicated that they had been diagnosed with at least one of the conditions listed above, only slightly more than one third (35%) were currently receiving treatment or medication for their condition.

PERSONAL SAFETY

Homeless individuals are particularly vulnerable to violations of personal safety and are frequently the victims of crime. Nearly one fifth of homeless survey respondents (17%) had been the victim of a crime in the past year.

Figure 20 – Have You Been The Victim of a Crime In the Past 12 Months?
(n=1,656)



Of the respondents who had been the victim of a crime in the last year, many had been robbed (44%), physically assaulted (42%), had experienced domestic violence (20%), or sexual assault (14%). Most of these respondents (53%) did not contact a law enforcement representative due to a variety of reasons, including fear of getting in trouble (23%), not wanting a hassle with police (18%), due to the belief that contacting law enforcement is futile (16%), or that law enforcement doesn't care about helping the homeless (15%).

INVENTORY OF EXISTING HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICES

To measure the adequacy of the existing services, a shelter service provider survey was conducted with all emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing services in the County. During the survey of shelter providers, shelter staff were asked to self-identify the category under which they provide housing – emergency shelter, transitional housing, and / or permanent supportive housing, as well as what type of clients for which the housing is intended. This survey took place during the month of November 2002. The capacity information in the tables below summarizes their responses.

Table 20 – Emergency Shelter Capacity

PROVIDER NAME	FACILITY NAME	BED CAPACITY	
		INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES
Desert Manna Ministries	Desert Manna Ministries	43	0
Desert Sanctuary	Desert Sanctuary	0	15 (DV)
Doves of Big Bear	Doves of Big Bear	0	18 (DV)
Frazee Community Center	Palm House Shelter	15	15
High Desert Domestic Violence	High Desert Domestic Violence	0	25 (DV)
J.C. Davis Enterprises	Davis Room and Board	11 (MI)	0
J.C. Davis Enterprises	Davis Room and Board	11 (SA)	0
Lucerne Valley Domestic Violence	Lucerne Valley Domestic Violence	0	10 (DV)
Morongo Basin Unity Home	Morongo Basin Unity Home	0	32 (DV)
Operation Grace	Operation Grace	4 (V)	6 (DV)
Option House, Inc.	Option House, Inc.	0	40 (DV)
Roseanne's Sober Living	Roseanne's Sober Living	12	0
Salvation Army	Hospitality House	30	44
Solutions Educational Center	Solutions Educational Center	6 (Y)	0
Victor Valley Domestic Violence	A Better Way Shelter	0	18
Total - Emergency Shelter		132	223

Note: DD = shelter for dually diagnosed, DV = domestic violence shelter, HIV = shelter for homeless with HIV / AIDS, MI = shelter for mentally ill, SA = shelter for substance abusers, V = shelter for veterans, Y = shelter for youth under age 18.

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Table 21 – Transitional Housing Capacity

PROVIDER NAME	FACILITY NAME	BED CAPACITY	
		INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES
Awakening Ranch	Awakening Ranch	16	0
Cedar House Rehabilitation Center	Cedar House Rehabilitation Center	54 (SA)	0
Cedar House Rehabilitation Center	Cedar House Rehabilitation Center	14 (DD)	0
Central City Lutheran Mission	Central City Lutheran Mission	9	0
Community Services Department	Obershaw House	0	28
Fontana Native American Center	Fontana Native American Center	0	20
Foothill Family Shelter	Foothill Family Shelter	0	48
Frazee Community Center	Frazee Community Center	8 (V)	0
Frazee Community Center	Frazee Community Center	24	0
High Desert Homeless Services	High Desert Homeless Services	16	40
Inland Temporary Homes	Inland Temporary Homes	0	40
Inland Valley Recovery	Inland Valley Recovery	79 (SA)	20
Inner Vision	Inner Vision	18 (SA)	0
Knott's Group Home	Knott's Group Home	0	36
Lillie Ruff, Inc.	Lillie Ruff, Inc.	12 (MI)	0
Mary's Mercy Center, Inc.	Veronica's House of Mercy	0	43
New Hope Village	New Hope Village	2	14
New Spirit Living	New Spirit Living	40 (SA)	0
Oasis House	Oasis House	28 (SA)	0
Option House	Option House	0	19
PAL Center	Operation Safe Harbor	12	0
Roseanne's Sober Living	Roseanne's Sober Living	8	0
Set Free Christian Fellowship	Set Free Christian Fellowship	76	12
Shobai Inc / Malacai House	Shobai Inc / Malacai House	19 (MI)	0
St. John of God Health Care	St. John of God Health Care	85 (V,SA)	24
True Vine	True Vine	14	0
Gibson House for Men	Gibson House for Men	39 (SA)	0
Gibson House for Women	Gibson House for Women	40 (SA)	0
Harris House	Harris House	26 (V)	0
Victor Valley Domestic Violence	A Better Way Shelter	2	12
Victory Outreach	Victory Outreach	54	0
Total - Transitional Housing		695	356

Note: DD = shelter for dually diagnosed, DV = domestic violence shelter, HIV = shelter for homeless with HIV / AIDS, MI = shelter for mentally ill, SA = shelter for substance abusers, V = shelter for veterans, Y = shelter for youth under age 18.

Table 22 – Permanent Supportive Housing Capacity

PROVIDER NAME	FACILITY NAME	BED CAPACITY	
		INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES
Morongo Basin Mental Health	Panorama Ranch	12 (SA)	0
Salvation Army	Adult Rehabilitation Center	77 (SA)	0
Lights Rancho Linda	Lights Rancho Linda	59	0
Bat Masterson House	Bat Masterson House	7	0
Inland AIDS Project	Inland AIDS Project	6 (HIV)	0
Department of Behavioral Health	Laurelbrook Estates	50 (MI)	20 (MI) 5 (DD)
Department of Behavioral Health	Project Crossroads	0	20 (MI) 10 (DD)
Department of Behavioral Health	Project New Horizons	10 (MI) 5 (DD)	5 (MI) 5 (DD)
Department of Behavioral Health	Project Stepping Stones	15 (MI) 25 (Y,MI)	10 (MI)
Department of Behavioral Health	Project Stepping Stones	10 (DD)	15 (DD)
Total - Permanent Supportive Housing		276	90

Note: DD = shelter for dually diagnosed, DV = domestic violence shelter, HIV = shelter for homeless with HIV / AIDS, MI = shelter for mentally ill, SA = shelter for substance abusers, V = shelter for veterans, Y = shelter for youth under age 18.

GAPS ANALYSIS

The County of San Bernardino submits a homeless shelter service provider Gaps Analysis to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as required in the Continuum of Care Application. New information obtained during the course of this research effort will help to inform the current Gaps Analysis. The following section describes the process of measuring current inventory, estimated need, and unmet need / gaps.

CURRENT INVENTORY

The current inventory component of the Gaps Analysis below is taken directly from the responses of service providers, as collected in the service provider survey and as presented above. Information from service providers included the type of housing provided, the number of beds available, and the type of client for which the housing is intended.

ESTIMATED NEED AND UNMET NEED / GAP

The estimated need for shelter in San Bernardino County is based on three data sources: the 2003 Homeless Census, 2003 Homeless Survey, and the Department of Behavioral Health. Information regarding the total number of homeless individuals and persons in homeless families on a given night was based on results of the homeless census. Although the census data indicated a potential range of homelessness with a minimum of 5,270 (actual number of homeless persons counted) and a maximum of 8,351 (includes conservative estimate of the number of homeless persons not counted), the minimum number of homeless persons at a given point in time has been used for this Gaps

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Analysis. Data provided by the homeless survey and by the Department of Behavioral Health was used in order to determine how many persons in homeless subgroups (including substance abusers, veterans, and victims of domestic violence) needed specific types of housing services. It is important to note that due to the conservative nature of the homeless census and the homeless survey, the figures provided in the estimated need column of the Gaps Analysis are likely to be very conservative.

Table 23 – Gaps Analysis

BASED ON 5,270 HOMELESS PERSONS ON A GIVEN NIGHT				
INDIVIDUALS	TYPE	ESTIMATED NEED	CURRENT INVENTORY	UNMET NEED / GAP
Beds / Units	Emergency Shelter	1,835	132	1,703
	Transitional Housing	1,507	695	812
	Permanent Supportive Housing	809	276	533
	Total	4,151	1,103	3,048
Sub-populations	Chronic Substance Abuse	1,162	483	679
	Seriously Mentally Ill	512	142	370
	Dually Diagnosed	346	29	317
	Veterans	623	123	500
	Persons with HIV/AIDS	83	6	77
	Victims of Domestic Violence	249	164	85
	Youth	104	31	73
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	TYPE	ESTIMATED NEED	CURRENT INVENTORY	UNMET NEED / GAP
Beds / Units	Emergency Shelter	474	223	251
	Transitional Housing	450	356	94
	Permanent Supportive Housing	195	90	105
	Total	1,119	669	450
Sub-populations	Chronic Substance Abuse	313	0	313
	Seriously Mentally Ill	239	55	184
	Dually Diagnosed	194	35	159
	Veterans	168	0	168
	Persons with HIV/AIDS	22	0	22
	Victims of Domestic Violence	201	164	37

The data included in the Gaps Analysis above supports service providers' claims that there is a great need for shelter services in San Bernardino County. In fact, the estimated need for shelter services for individuals (4,151 individuals) is nearly four times greater than the supply of beds for individuals (1,103 beds). Overall, the largest shelter gap for individuals is in emergency shelter, followed by

transitional housing. The need for shelter services for homeless persons in families with children is also high (1,119 individuals), at nearly twice the supply of beds for persons in families (669 beds). The largest shelter gap for families is also in emergency shelters, followed by permanent supportive housing.

SERVICE PROVIDER SURVEY RESULTS

In addition to information regarding shelter capacity, homeless shelter providers were asked to report what types of supportive services they offer, and the number of unduplicated homeless individuals that they have served in the past year.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Most shelter service providers do not merely provide shelter to their clients. Every one of the forty-eight agencies that responded to the survey indicated that they provide *at least* one type of additional supportive service, with the average agency providing ten different types of services in addition to shelter. Nearly all of the shelter providers provide food (98%), clothing (96%), and transportation (92%) for their homeless clients, and most also provide case management (85%), life skills training (83%), crisis counseling (71%), mentoring (71%), educational assistance (67%), substance abuse treatment (54%), job placement (54%), employment training (54%) and domestic violence counseling (54%).

Table 24 – In Addition to Shelter, Which of the Following Supportive Services Does Your Agency Provide to the Homeless?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Soup kitchen / food	47	97.9
Clothing	46	95.8
Transportation	44	91.7
Case management	41	85.4
Life skills training	40	83.3
Crisis counseling	34	70.8
Mentoring	34	70.8
Educational assistance	32	66.7
Substance abuse treatment	26	54.2
Job placement	26	54.2
Employment training	26	54.2
Domestic violence counseling	26	54.2
Street Outreach	22	45.8
Financial assistance	20	41.7
Court / legal services	19	39.6
Mental health treatment	13	27.1
Medication	8	16.7
Other	14	29.2

Multiple response question with 48 agencies offering 518 responses.

ANNUAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS CLIENTS SERVED

Not all service providers have sufficient tracking mechanisms in place to calculate the number of unduplicated homeless individuals served. When providers were asked this information, those that could supply an unduplicated number did so, and the remaining providers submitted the best information that their intake and tracking system allowed. Overall, shelter service providers reported serving 29,865 homeless individuals in their last reporting year. Providers that could not provide unduplicated information were asked to *estimate* the number of homeless persons they served more than once, and reported that approximately 2,761 of these individuals were duplicates. Therefore, after eliminating duplication within agencies, an estimated total of 27,104 persons were served by homeless shelter providers in 2001. This figure does not eliminate duplication between agencies. Unfortunately, the extent to which different agencies have served the same individuals is currently unknown. However, this contextual information further validates the conservative nature of the annual range of homelessness (14,861 – 23,549) generated from the homeless census.

ANNUAL NUMBER OF HOMELESS CLIENTS NOT SERVED

Many shelter service providers reported that they do not have the resources to serve the existing homeless population in San Bernardino County, and that they are continually forced to turn clients away. This anecdotal information is supported by the Gaps Analysis, which indicates that there are more homeless residents in San Bernardino County than there are beds for them. During the interviews, shelter providers were asked to approximate the number of individuals they placed on a waiting list (if they had a waiting list) or that they have had to turn away in the past year. Overall, San Bernardino County homeless shelter service providers indicated that they had placed 5,079 individuals on waiting lists. It is important to note that duplication may exist between agencies, and that different agencies may have needed to turn away the same individuals. Further, these agencies also reported that they had turned away approximately 15,052 homeless persons during this same time period. Although it is unknown how many individuals may have received services at another location, many homeless persons who sought shelter services in San Bernardino County did not receive them at all.

APPENDIX I

CENSUS DATA

Thank you for your interest and participation in the San Bernardino County Census and Survey! Please read the following guidelines before you begin the count.

Who Is Eligible To Be Counted?

The goal of the street count is to accurately count the number of homeless persons in San Bernardino County on our target dates (November 19th – 21st). We recognize, however, the difficulty of determining an individual's compliance to the McKinney Act (see below) definition of homelessness in a narrow time frame study. **Therefore, anyone who you know to be homeless, or based on your knowledge of the community, is very likely to be homeless should be counted.** Please use your best judgment while scanning the area for homeless persons. Use your knowledge of the area, the homeless community, and basic common sense to guide you through this process. Further, when you are in doubt about someone's housing status, **please err on the side of caution.** The following is our official definition of homelessness for the purposes of the study.

Homelessness: A Working Definition

- (1) An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and
- (2) An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
 - (a) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill),
 - (b) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or
 - (c) A public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

This means that a person must satisfy **BOTH** conditions 1 and 2 above.

While Participating In The Street Count:

- Do **not** approach individuals to ask them if they are homeless. Observe only.
- Cover your entire area! Walk or drive down every street!
- Try not to recount. Be aware of what people are wearing and what they look like.
- **Stay with your teammates.** Never venture out on your own!
- Finally, remember that safety ALWAYS comes first. Avoid any situation in which you are uncomfortable.

Thank you for your participation!

San Bernardino County Homeless Census Enumeration Tally Sheet

City: _____

Deployment Location: _____

Team Member 1: _____

Team Member 2: _____

Individuals	Men	Women	Youth (under 18 years)
X			
Families	Men	Women	Youth (under 18 years)
Family 1			
Family 2			
Family 3			
Family 4			
Family 5			
Family 6			
Family 7			
Family 8			
Notes:			

Please tally individuals in the top columns. If you encounter any homeless families, please tally these families in the rows provided at the bottom.

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HOMELESS CENSUS TALLY SHEET

San Bernardino County Homeless Census Deployment Log

Team Captain's Name	Date
Deployment Location	Cities Covered

City and Number	Names of Census Team	Time Out	Time Returned	Notes
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Thank you for your participation in the San Bernardino County Homeless Census! Please call Kelly Pleskunas of ASR at 831-728-1356 by 5:30 am to confirm the attendance and deployment of your group or to call for help. It is very important that you make sure all of your map areas get covered! **No areas can be returned uncovered without approval from ASR!** Before you deploy your group to the appropriate areas, please review the checklist on the opposite side of this page.

San Bernardino County Homeless Census Deployment Log

Before you send out your team, please go through the following checklist.

- ☐ Get to your deployment location prior to 5:00 am! Have all your supplies ready, and be visible.
- ☐ Review Census Guidelines Sheet with enumerators, making sure they are all sufficiently trained.
- ☐ Whenever possible, pair up one homeless person or service provider with intimate knowledge of tract area with one non-homeless person. One person will need to have a car.
- ☐ Distribute one clipboard and pencil to each two-person team.
- ☐ Distribute your maps appropriately to assure all tracts are covered, and make sure teams have a separate tally sheet for each map.
- ☐ Assign people to the areas they know best.
- ☐ Remind teams to meet back up at deployment center to return tally sheets.
- ☐ Make sure you document the names of all team members and their tracts on deployment log.
- ☐ Deploy teams!

- ☐ **Call Kelly Pleskunas (831-728-1356) by 5:30 am to confirm attendance or to ask for help!**

- ☐ Stay at your deployment location, and make wait for all teams to return.
- ☐ Collect tally sheets, making sure they have been filled out correctly and indicate the appropriate city and number.
- ☐ Interview team to make sure you clearly understand the tally sheet.
- ☐ Remain visible in your return location until ALL tally sheets have been returned.

- ☐ **Call Kelly Pleskunas again to announce your success!**

Homeless Census Data by Supervisorial District

		Men	Women	Youth	Total Individuals	Family Units	Men	Women	Youth	Total Persons in Families	Total
District 1	Street Count	454	145	22	621	37	31	37	58	126	747
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
	Emergency Shelter	33	11	0	44	12	0	12	26	38	82
	Transitional Housing	83	23	6	112	29	2	29	47	78	190
	Miscellaneous Shelter	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Total	572	179	28	779	78	33	78	131	242	1078
District 2	Street Count	116	24	6	146	14	5	14	25	44	190
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	14	18	0	32	25	8	25	51	84	116
	Miscellaneous Shelter	152	15	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	167
	Total	282	57	6	345	39	13	39	76	128	503
District 3	Street Count	463	158	46	667	39	43	45	62	150	817
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
	Emergency Shelter	20	4	0	24	15	1	14	19	34	58
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	16	20	20
	Miscellaneous Shelter	8	2	0	10	1	1	1	5	7	17
	Total	491	164	46	701	59	45	64	102	211	1052
District 4	Street Count	213	66	0	279	19	15	18	30	63	342
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	23	2	0	25	1	0	1	2	3	28
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	12	19	19
	Total	236	68	0	304	24	18	23	44	85	396
District 5	Street Count	887	325	30	1242	51	34	49	109	192	1434
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	264
	Emergency Shelter	21	17	3	41	28	6	35	73	114	155
	Transitional Housing	117	55	3	175	38	20	30	71	121	296
	Miscellaneous Shelter	58	9	0	67	7	3	7	15	25	92
	Total	1083	406	36	1525	124	63	121	268	452	2241
Total	Street Count	2133	718	104	2955	160	128	163	284	575	3530
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	498
	Emergency Shelter	74	32	3	109	55	7	61	118	186	295
	Transitional Housing	237	98	9	344	97	30	89	187	306	650
	Miscellaneous Shelter	220	26	0	246	12	7	12	32	51	297
	Total	2664	874	116	3654	324	172	325	621	1118	5270

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Homeless Census Data by City / Area

		Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Individuals	Family Units	Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Persons in Families	Total
Adelanto	Street Count	15	1	0	16	1	0	1	9	10	26
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	6	6	6	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	21	7	6	34	1	0	1	9	10	49
Apple Valley	Street Count	67	11	2	80	0	0	0	0	0	80
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	67	11	2	80	0	0	0	0	0	81
Barstow	Street Count	175	55	9	239	13	9	12	17	38	277
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
	Emergency Shelter	33	10	0	43	3	0	3	11	14	57
	Transitional Housing	9	4	0	13	3	0	3	9	12	25
	Miscellaneous Shelter	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	218	69	9	296	19	9	18	37	64	387
Big Bear	Street Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	4	0	4	5	0	5	6	11	15
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Total	3	5	0	8	5	0	5	6	11	19
Bloomington	Street Count	82	35	0	117	14	8	14	32	54	171
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	48	26	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	74
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	130	61	0	191	14	8	14	32	54	245
Chino	Street Count	24	4	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	24	4	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	33

		Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Individuals	Family Units	Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Persons in Families	Total
Chino Hills	Street Count	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	3
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	3
Colton	Street Count	84	44	6	134	4	3	4	11	18	152
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	84	44	6	134	4	3	4	11	18	154
Crestline	Street Count	19	7	6	32	10	3	10	20	33	65
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	19	7	6	32	10	3	10	20	33	65
Fontana	Street Count	43	9	0	52	3	1	3	4	8	60
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	6	1	0	7	11	5	11	19	35	42
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	49	10	0	59	14	6	14	23	43	102
Grand Terrace	Street Count	4	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	4	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hesperia	Street Count	92	31	11	134	17	16	19	25	60	194
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	17	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	109	31	11	151	17	16	19	25	60	220

		Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Individuals	Family Units	Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Persons in Families	Total
Highland	Street Count	54	24	11	89	4	2	4	8	14	103
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
	Emergency Shelter	20	0	0	20	5	1	4	5	10	30
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	74	24	11	109	9	3	8	13	24	160
Joshua Tree	Street Count	24	20	0	44	6	6	5	7	18	62
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	24	20	0	44	6	6	5	7	18	62
Loma Linda	Street Count	12	4	0	16	1	0	1	2	3	19
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	16	20	20
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	12	4	0	16	5	0	5	18	23	39
Montclair	Street Count	21	7	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	21	7	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28
Morongo Basin	Street Count	109	54	12	175	11	16	15	13	44	219
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	8	13	13
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Total	112	55	12	179	16	16	20	21	57	236
Needles	Street Count	20	3	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	21	3	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	39

		Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Individuals	Family Units	Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Persons in Families	Total
Ontario	Street Count	167	55	0	222	18	15	17	29	61	283
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	23	2	0	25	1	0	1	2	3	28
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	12	19	19
	Total	190	57	0	247	23	18	22	43	83	332
Rancho Cucamonga	Street Count	43	5	0	48	1	1	1	1	3	51
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	8	4	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Miscellaneous Shelter	152	15	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	167
	Total	203	24	0	227	1	1	1	1	3	260
Redlands	Street Count	161	37	14	212	12	9	12	21	42	254
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	5	7	9
	Total	163	37	14	214	13	10	13	26	49	347
Rialto	Street Count	145	48	8	201	9	8	8	15	31	232
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	2
	Total	145	48	11	204	10	9	9	15	33	237
San Bernardino	Street Count	576	198	16	790	24	15	23	51	89	879
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262
	Emergency Shelter	21	17	0	38	28	6	35	73	114	152
	Transitional Housing	69	29	3	101	38	20	30	71	121	222
	Miscellaneous Shelter	58	9	0	67	6	2	6	15	23	90
	Total	724	253	19	996	96	43	94	210	347	1605
Twentynine Palms	Street Count	9	5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	9	5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14

		Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Individuals	Family Units	Adult Men	Adult Women	Youth	Total Persons in Families	Total
Upland	Street Count	11	3	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	13	0	13	14	3	14	32	49	62
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	11	16	0	27	14	3	14	32	49	76
Victorville	Street Count	52	19	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	71
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	1	0	1	9	0	9	15	24	25
	Transitional Housing	51	13	0	64	26	2	26	38	66	130
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	103	33	0	136	35	2	35	53	90	226
Yucaipa	Street Count	71	13	4	88	4	3	3	6	12	100
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	71	13	4	88	4	3	3	6	12	129
Yucca Valley	Street Count	52	25	4	81	7	13	10	12	35	116
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	52	25	4	81	7	13	10	12	35	116
Total	Street Count	2133	718	104	2955	160	128	163	284	575	3530
	Informant Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	498
	Emergency Shelter	74	32	3	109	55	7	61	118	186	295
	Transitional Housing	237	98	9	344	97	30	89	187	306	650
	Miscellaneous Shelter	220	26	0	246	12	7	12	32	51	297
	Total	2664	874	116	3654	324	172	325	621	1118	5270

APPENDIX II

SURVEY DATA

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HOMELESS SURVEY INSTRUMENT

Interviewer's Name: _____
Interview Location: _____
Interview Date: _____

Respondent's Initials: _____
Respondent's Date of Birth _____
Interview Time: _____

Respondent Introduction and Consent:

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm from the San Bernardino County Homeless Census and Survey project. The Community Services Department would like to learn more about who the homeless are, what kinds of problems they face, and whether or not their needs are being met.

All of your responses are strictly confidential and completely anonymous, and your privacy will be protected. Your honest information is appreciated and will only be used to benefit the homeless. Your participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time, or refuse to answer any question that makes you uncomfortable. Please, if you have already participated in one survey, do not participate in another.

Demographics:

1. In what year were you born? _____

2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most? (Check only one box.)

- ☐ 1. White / Caucasian
- ☐ 2. Black / African American
- ☐ 3. Hispanic / Latino
- ☐ 4. Native American
- ☐ 5. Asian / Pacific Islander
- ☐ 6. Other / Multi-ethnic: _____

3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. military?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 4.)

3a. If yes, did you serve in any of the following wars? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. World War II
- ☐ 2. Korean War
- ☐ 3. Vietnam War
- ☐ 4. Gulf War
- ☐ 5. Other: _____

4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
(Check only one box.)

- ☐ 01. No formal education
- ☐ 02. 3rd grade or less
- ☐ 03. 6th grade or less
- ☐ 04. 9th grade or less
- ☐ 05. High school (no diploma)
- ☐ 06. High school diploma or GED
- ☐ 07. Tech / vocational degree
- ☐ 08. One year of college
- ☐ 09. Two years of college (AA / AS degree)
- ☐ 10. BA / BS degree
- ☐ 11. MA or MS / Ph.D. or professional degree (MD, JD, etc.)

Residential History:

5. Were you born in the United States?

- ☐ 1. Yes (Skip to question 6.)
- ☐ 2. No

5a. If no, how long have you lived in the United States?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Less than 6 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. 3 – 5 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 6 – 11 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. 6 – 10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. 1 – 2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. More than 10 years |

6. Did you spend most of your childhood in San Bernardino County?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No

7. How long have you lived in San Bernardino County?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Less than 6 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. 3 – 5 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 6 – 11 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. 6 – 10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. 1 – 2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. More than 10 years |

8. Why do you choose to live in San Bernardino County? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. Services are accessible
- ☐ 02. Work is available
- ☐ 03. Grew up here
- ☐ 04. Know people here
- ☐ 05. Can not afford to leave
- ☐ 06. Know the area
- ☐ 07. Quality / availability of shelters
- ☐ 08. Family is here
- ☐ 09. Feel safe here
- ☐ 10. Beauty / appeal of area
- ☐ 11. Weather
- ☐ 12. Other: _____

9. What city do you live in, or where have you spent the most nights in the last month? (Check only one box.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01. Adelanto | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Needles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 02. Apple Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Ontario |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03. Barstow | <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Rancho Cucamonga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 04. Big Bear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Redlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05. Chino | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Rialto |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 06. Chino Hills | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. San Bernardino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07. Colton | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Twenty-nine Palms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08. Fontana | <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Upland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 09. Grand Terrace | <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Victorville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Hesperia | <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Yucaipa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Highland | <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Yucca Valley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Loma Linda | <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Montclair | |

10. Who do you currently live with? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. Alone
- ☐ 2. Spouse / Significant other
- ☐ 3. Friend
- ☐ 4. Family
- ☐ 5. Your children
- ☐ 6. Other: _____

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11. Do you have any children?

- ☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No (Skip to question 14.)

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

- ☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No (Skip to question 14.)

12a. Are any of these children currently living with you?

- ☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No (Skip to question 13.)

12b. Please indicate the following for each of your children under age 18 who are currently living with you:

	Age	Gender	Enrolled in School	
1.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Female <input type="checkbox"/> b. Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (why not?)_____	
2.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Female <input type="checkbox"/> b. Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (why not?)_____	
3.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Female <input type="checkbox"/> b. Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (why not?)_____	
4.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Female <input type="checkbox"/> b. Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (why not?)_____	
5.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Female <input type="checkbox"/> b. Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (why not?)_____	
6.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Female <input type="checkbox"/> b. Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (why not?)_____	

13. Do you have any children under 18 that are not living with you?

- ☐ 1. Yes If yes, why are they not living with you?

- ☐ 2. No

14. How many adults (other than yourself) are living with you? _____

15. Which of the following best describes your current primary living situation?

(Check only one box.)

- ☐ 1. Short term housing assistance (emergency shelter, motel voucher, etc.)
- ☐ 2. Staying in transitional housing (longer term program that may provide up to two years of housing, usually in a structured program working toward achieving established goals, may or may not pay some rent)
- ☐ 3. Domestic violence shelter
- ☐ 4. Mental hospital / facility
- ☐ 5. Staying with friends / family
- ☐ 6. Converted garage or other structure
- ☐ 7. Automobile / Van
- ☐ 8. Outdoors (bridges, parks, forest, riverbeds, desert, etc.)
- ☐ 9. Other: _____

16. How long have you been homeless since your last permanent housing?

(Check only one box.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Less than 1 month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. 1 – 2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 1 – 3 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. 3 – 5 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. 4 – 6 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. 6 – 10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. 7 – 11 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. More than 10 years |

17. Were you ever homeless prior to your current situation?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 18.)

17a. If yes, how many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. 1 time | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. 4 – 5 times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 2 – 3 times | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. More than 5 times |

18. Before the age of 19 years, were you ever placed in foster care?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No

19. Have any of the following factors contributed to your homelessness?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. High cost of housing / rent
- ☐ 02. Unemployment
- ☐ 03. Disability
- ☐ 04. Runaway
- ☐ 05. Health / medical costs
- ☐ 07. Housing eviction
- ☐ 08. Domestic violence
- ☐ 09. Drug / alcohol use
- ☐ 10. Mental health issues
- ☐ 11. Too old for foster care
- ☐ 12. Divorce
- ☐ 13. Incarceration
- ☐ 14. Other: _____

19a. What was the single biggest factor that contributed to your homelessness?

20. What is preventing you from living in permanent housing? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. No job
- ☐ 2. Housing affordability
- ☐ 3. Housing availability
- ☐ 4. Moving costs (security deposit, first and / or last month rent)
- ☐ 5. Transportation
- ☐ 6. Bad credit
- ☐ 7. Eviction
- ☐ 8. Criminal record
- ☐ 9. Other: _____

21. Have you ever tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 21b.)

21a. If yes, what shelters and transitional housing facilities did you try to access?
(Skip to question 21c.)

21b. If no, why not? (Skip to question 22.)

21c. Have you ever been turned away from an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 22.)

21d. Why were you turned away? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. I did not qualify
- ☐ 2. I did not follow shelter rules
- ☐ 3. Shelter had no beds available
- ☐ 4. Shelter did not accept friend / family
- ☐ 5. Shelter did not accept pets
- ☐ 6. Other: _____

22. In your opinion, what ONE type of service does San Bernardino County need the most? (Check only one box.)

- ☐ 01. More emergency shelters
- ☐ 02. More transitional housing
- ☐ 03. More homeless service centers
- ☐ 04. More job training / placement programs
- ☐ 05. More food and clothing banks
- ☐ 06. More affordable housing
- ☐ 07. More drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs
- ☐ 08. More mental health services
- ☐ 09. More health / dental clinics
- ☐ 10. Other: _____

Source of Income:

23. What is your employment status? (Check only one box.)

- ☐ 1. Unemployed
- ☐ 2. Self-employed
- ☐ 3. Employed part-time (Less than 30 hours per week)
- ☐ 4. Employed full-time (More than 30 hours per week)
- ☐ 5. Retired
- ☐ 6. Disabled
- ☐ 7. Student
- ☐ 8. Other: _____

24. Are you actively looking for work?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No

25. What is your total monthly income from all sources? (Check only one box.)

- ☐ 1. \$0 to \$199
- ☐ 2. \$200 to \$499
- ☐ 3. \$500 to \$749
- ☐ 4. \$750 to \$999
- ☐ 5. \$1,000 to \$1,499
- ☐ 6. \$1,500 or more

26. What are your primary sources of income? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. Job
- ☐ 02. Family / Friends
- ☐ 03. Pension
- ☐ 04. Welfare / CalWORKs
- ☐ 05. Veterans' Pension
- ☐ 06. Social Security
- ☐ 07. Disability
- ☐ 08. Odd jobs
- ☐ 09. General Relief
- ☐ 10. Other: _____

27. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. General Relief
- ☐ 2. Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)
- ☐ 3. Food Stamps
- ☐ 4. Medi-Cal
- ☐ 5. SSI
- ☐ 6. I am not currently receiving any of these forms of government assistance

28. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. Have no ID
- ☐ 02. No permanent address
- ☐ 03. No transportation
- ☐ 04. Never applied
- ☐ 05. Waiting for approval
- ☐ 06. Dislike hassle
- ☐ 07. Turned down
- ☐ 08. Will apply
- ☐ 09. Do not need government assistance
- ☐ 10. Don't think I'm eligible
- ☐ 11. Other: _____

29. How could receiving government assistance be easier for you? _____

Daily Activities:

30. What are your biggest daily problems? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. Hunger
- ☐ 02. Insufficient income
- ☐ 03. Lack of work
- ☐ 04. Finding shelter
- ☐ 05. Finding a place to wash self / clothes
- ☐ 06. Bored / lonely
- ☐ 07. Depressed / anxious
- ☐ 08. Threat of crime / violence
- ☐ 09. Health / dental
- ☐ 10. Drugs / alcohol
- ☐ 11. Problems with police
- ☐ 12. Finding a way for people to contact me (telephone, mail)
- ☐ 13. Transportation
- ☐ 14. Child care
- ☐ 15. Other: _____

31. How many meals do you eat on an average day?

- ☐ 1. None
- ☐ 2. One
- ☐ 3. Two
- ☐ 4. Three
- ☐ 5. More than three

32. Do you usually get enough to eat?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No

33. If you have children, do they usually get enough to eat?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No
- ☐ 3. Not applicable

(The following series of questions can be considered personal or sensitive information. Please take this time to remind the respondent that they can choose to skip any question they do not want to answer.)

Health:

34. Has there been a time in the last 12 months that you or your children needed health care, dental care, or medications and did not receive it?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 35.)

34a. If yes, why didn't you or your children receive care? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. No money
- ☐ 2. No medical insurance
- ☐ 3. No transportation
- ☐ 4. Never tried
- ☐ 5. Don't know where to go
- ☐ 6. Other: _____

35. Do you have health / dental insurance?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 36.)

35a. If yes, what kind? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. Medi-Cal
- ☐ 2. Medicare
- ☐ 3. Disability
- ☐ 4. Private
- ☐ 5. Veterans Health Care
- ☐ 6. Don't Know
- ☐ 7. Other: _____

36. Where do you usually get medical attention? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. Emergency room
- ☐ 02. Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- ☐ 03. SACH Clinic
- ☐ 04. Public Health Clinic
- ☐ 05. Veteran's Administration clinic
- ☐ 06. Free clinic / community clinic
- ☐ 07. Private doctor
- ☐ 08. Friends / family
- ☐ 09. Don't ever go
- ☐ 10. Don't know
- ☐ 11. Other: _____

37. If you have children, have they received all their childhood vaccines?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No
- ☐ 3. Don't know
- ☐ 4. Not applicable

38. If you are female, are you pregnant?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 39.)
- ☐ 3. Not applicable (Skip to question 39.)
- ☐ 4. Decline to state (Skip to question 39.)

38a. Have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No

39. In the past month, have you ever had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

A drink is considered to be equivalent to 1¼ oz of 80 proof liquor, 4 oz of wine, or 12 oz of beer.

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 40.)
- ☐ 3. Decline to state (Skip to question 40.)

39a. In the past month, have there been at least five times that you had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day? A drink is considered to be equivalent to 1¼ oz of 80 proof liquor, 4 oz of wine, or 12 oz of beer.

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No
- ☐ 3. Decline to state

40. Do you regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No
- ☐ 3. Decline to state

41. Which of the following substances have you ever used in your lifetime?
(Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Marijuana | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Inhalants (Nitrous Oxide, Huffing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Amphetamines (cocaine, speed) | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Ecstasy | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Decline to state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Hallucinogens | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Not applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Heroin | |

42. Which of the following substances have you used in the last month?
(Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Marijuana | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Inhalants (Nitrous Oxide, Huffing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Amphetamines (cocaine, speed) | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Ecstasy | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Decline to state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Hallucinogens | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Not applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Heroin | |

43. Have you ever received services or medications for your mental health in the past?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 44.)
- ☐ 3. Decline to state (Skip to question 44.)

43a. Are you currently receiving mental health services or medications?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No

44. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 01. Tuberculosis
- ☐ 02. HIV / AIDS
- ☐ 03. Hepatitis (any type)
- ☐ 04. Sexually transmitted diseases
- ☐ 05. Diabetes
- ☐ 06. Asthma
- ☐ 07. Heart problems
- ☐ 08. High blood pressure
- ☐ 09. Cancer (any type)
- ☐ 10. Pneumonia and influenza
- ☐ 11. Depression
- ☐ 12. Other mental illness
- ☐ 13. Other: _____
- ☐ 14. Decline to state
- ☐ 15. Not applicable

44a. If yes to any of the above, are you currently receiving treatment and / or medications?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No Why not? _____

Legal / Safety Issues:

45. Have you been a crime victim in the last 12 months?

- ☐ 1. Yes
- ☐ 2. No (Skip to question 46.)
- ☐ 3. Decline to state (Skip to question 46.)

45a. If yes, what type of crime was it? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. Physical assault
- ☐ 2. Robbed
- ☐ 3. Domestic violence
- ☐ 4. Sexual assault
- ☐ 5. Other: _____

45b. If yes, did you contact a law enforcement representative about this crime?

☐ 1. Yes (Skip to question 46.)

☐ 2. No

45c. If no, why not? _____

Personal Opinion:

46. What do you think is the worst part about being homeless? _____

47. What one thing could the County of San Bernardino do to make it easier for you to transition into permanent housing? _____

Thank you very much for your time and participation!

Direct Observation by Interviewer: *(please check the most appropriate answer)*

48. Gender of respondent?

- ☐ 1. Female ☐ 2. Male

49. Did the respondent display any of the following? (Check any that apply.)

- ☐ 1. Open injury or wound
☐ 2. Obvious signs of a physical health issue
☐ 3. Obvious signs of mental health issue
☐ 4. Obvious signs of dental health issue

50. Did the respondent have appropriate / sufficient? (Check any that apply.)

- ☐ 1. Shoes / footwear
☐ 2. Clothing

51. In which language was the interview conducted: (Check only one box.)

- ☐ 1. English
☐ 2. Spanish
☐ 3. Other: _____

Thank you for your interest and participation in the San Bernardino County
Homeless Census Survey!

Please read the following guidelines before you begin your surveys.

Who Is Eligible To Take Part In The Survey?

The goal of this survey is to interview individuals who are homeless, have been homeless in the past year, or who access homeless services. We recognize, however, the difficulty of determining an individual's compliance to the McKinney Act (see below) definition of homelessness in a narrow time frame study. **Therefore, anyone who you know to be homeless, or based on your knowledge of the community, is very likely to be homeless can be surveyed.** The following is our official definition of homelessness for the purposes of the study.

Homelessness: A Working Definition

- (1) An individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and
- (2) An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:
 - (a) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill),
 - (b) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or
 - (c) A public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

This means that a person must satisfy **BOTH** conditions 1 and 2 above.

While Conducting Surveys, Please:

1. Become familiar with the survey; practice with friends.
2. Know why the survey is being done, and who is sponsoring the survey.
3. Approach individuals cautiously. Introduce yourself and briefly tell people about the survey. Let people know that their participation will help to increase funding for badly needed homeless services. Don't forget to ask if they have already been interviewed for this project; we don't want to get any repeats!
4. Assure people that their names will not be taken, and their responses will remain completely anonymous.
5. Be unbiased – please make NO assumptions or prompts.
6. Ask all of the questions, but let respondents know that they can skip any questions they don't feel comfortable answering.
7. At the end of the interview, thank the respondent for their time, and give them one phone card as a small token of our appreciation.
8. Finally, remember that safety **ALWAYS** comes first. Always conduct surveys in a public place where you will not be alone, and avoid any situation in which you are uncomfortable.

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Interviewer's Name: _____	Interview Date: _____
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1. Name and title of respondent: _____

2. Name of organization: _____

3. Address of organization: _____

4. Phone number: _____

5. Fax number: _____

6. What type of organization do you represent? (Check only one box.)

☐ 1. Non-profit organization

☐ 2. County department

☐ 3. City department

☐ 4. Church / Faith based organization

☐ 5. Other: _____

7. What type of housing services do you provide? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 1. **Emergency shelter**
- ☐ 2. **Transitional housing**
- ☐ 3. **Permanent supportive housing**

Emergency shelter is the provision of a safe alternative to the streets, either in a shelter facility, or through the use of motel vouchers. Emergency shelter is short-term, usually for 30 days or less. Domestic violence shelters are considered emergency shelter, as they provide safe, immediate housing for victims and their children.

Transitional housing is more long-term housing, and can last up to two years. Transitional housing requires the resident participate in a structured program to work toward the established goals so that they can move on to permanent housing. Residents are often provided with an array of supportive services to assist them in meeting goals. In transitional housing, residents may or may not pay rent.

Permanent supportive housing is for persons with a disability, usually mental illness or substance abuse, HIV/AIDS or related illness/disability. Residents of permanent supportive housing pay affordable rents based on their income, and they can stay for as long as they wish, or as long as they have the disability. Residents receive supportive, rehabilitative services to help them live as independently as possible.

8. If you provide emergency shelter, how many beds do you have available for each of the following subpopulations?

Number of beds available	Population	Notes:
	Individuals	
	Families	
	Chronic substance abuser	
	Seriously mentally ill	
	Dually diagnosed	
	Veterans	
	Persons with HIV/AIDS	
	Victims of domestic violence	
	Youth	
	Other	
	Non-specified (no eligibility requirements)	
	Total	

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9. If you provide transitional housing, how many beds do you have available for each of the following subpopulations?

Number of beds available	Population	Notes:
	Individuals	
	Families	
	Chronic substance abuser	
	Seriously mentally ill	
	Dually diagnosed	
	Veterans	
	Persons with HIV/AIDS	
	Victims of domestic violence	
	Youth	
	Other	
	Non-specified (no eligibility requirements)	
	Total	

10. If you provide permanent supportive, how many beds do you have available for each of the following subpopulations?

Number of beds available	Population	Notes:
	Individuals	
	Families	
	Chronic substance abuser	
	Seriously mentally ill	
	Dually diagnosed	
	Veterans	
	Persons with HIV/AIDS	
	Victims of domestic violence	
	Youth	
	Other	
	Non-specified (no eligibility requirements)	
	Total	

11. What type of supportive services does your agency provide to the homeless?

(Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01. Soup kitchen / food | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Crisis counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 02. Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Mental health treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03. Street outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Employment training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 04. Case management | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05. Substance abuse treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Life skills training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 06. Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Educational assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07. Job placement | <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Mentoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08. Financial assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Domestic violence counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 09. Court / legal Services | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Other: _____ |

12. Based on all of your available records, please try to answer these questions about homeless individuals you served during the period from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. (If records are unavailable, please encourage respondent to give their best guess regarding the homeless individuals they served last year.)

Approximately _____ homeless individuals were served.

Approximately _____ of these individuals were repeat clients, or duplicates.

Approximately _____ homeless individuals were placed on a waiting list.

Approximately _____ homeless individuals were turned away.

Thank you for your participation in the San Bernardino County Homeless Census and Survey!

HOMELESS SURVEY RESULTS

1. Age of respondent

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Under 18 years old	22	1.3
18 - 25 years old	215	12.6
26 - 35 years old	388	22.7
36 - 45 years old	626	36.6
46 - 55 years old	333	19.5
56 - 65 years old	106	6.2
66 - 75 years old	15	0.9
Over 75 years old	5	0.3
Total	1,710	100.0

2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
White / Caucasian	890	52.2
Black / African American	347	20.4
Hispanic / Latino	339	19.9
Native American	51	3.0
Asian / Pacific Islander	9	0.5
Other / Multi-ethnic	68	4.0
Total	1,704	100.0

3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. military?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	255	15.0
No	1,446	85.0
Total	1,701	100.0

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3a. If yes, did you serve in any of the following wars?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Vietnam War	110	58.8
Gulf War	41	21.9
Korean War	16	8.6
World War II	1	0.5
Other	26	13.9

Multiple response question with 187 respondents offering 194 responses.

4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
No formal education	17	1.0
3rd grade or less	10	0.6
6th grade or less	48	2.8
9th grade or less	238	14.0
High school (no diploma)	469	27.6
High school diploma or GED	563	33.1
Tech / Vocational degree	90	5.3
One year of college	118	6.9
Two years of college (AA / AS degree)	102	6.0
BA / BS degree	32	1.9
MA or MS / Ph.D. or professional degree (MD, JD, etc.)	13	0.8
Total	1,700	100.0

5. Were you born in the United States?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	1,556	91.3
No	148	8.7
Total	1,704	100.0

5a. If no, how long have you lived in the United States?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 6 months	5	3.9
6 - 11 months	13	10.1
1 - 2 years	12	9.3
3 - 5 years	12	9.3
6 - 10 years	18	14.0
More than 10 years	69	53.5
Total	129	100.0

6. Did you spend most of your childhood in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	820	49.0
No	852	51.0
Total	1,672	100.0

7. How long have you lived in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 6 months	162	9.6
6 - 11 months	97	5.8
1 - 2 years	140	8.3
3 - 5 years	169	10.0
6 - 10 years	184	10.9
More than 10 years	930	55.3
Total	1,682	100.0

8. Why do you choose to live in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Know people here	674	39.5
Family is here	576	33.8
Cannot afford to leave / Stuck here	559	32.8
Grew up here	555	32.6
Know the area	486	28.5
Feel safe here	237	13.9
Work is available	176	10.3
Weather	150	8.8
Services are accessible	128	7.5
Beauty / Appeal of area	108	6.3
Quality / Availability of shelters	63	3.7
Other	68	4.0
Don't know	5	0.3

Multiple response question with 1,705 respondents offering 3,785 responses.

9. What city do you live in, or where have you spent the most nights in the last month?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Adelanto	15	0.9
Apple Valley	47	2.7
Barstow	199	11.6
Hesperia	77	4.5
Joshua Tree	10	0.6
Needles	6	0.4
Twenty-nine Palms	49	2.9
Victorville	98	5.7
Other District One locations	8	0.5
District One Total	509	29.8

Crestline	12	0.7
Fontana	108	6.3
Rancho Cucamonga	39	2.3
Upland	126	7.4
District Two Total	285	16.7

Big Bear Lake	7	0.4
Highland	14	0.8
Loma Linda	9	0.5
Redlands	121	7.1
Yucaipa	5	0.3
Yucca Valley	115	6.7
Other District Three locations	24	1.4
District Three Total	295	17.2

Chino	21	1.2
Chino Hills	1	0.1
Montclair	14	0.8
Ontario	288	16.8
District Four Total	324	18.9

Colton	47	2.7
Rialto	41	2.4
San Bernardino	264	15.4
District Five Total	352	20.5

Other	15	0.9
Out of County, but within California	19	1.1
Out of State	11	0.6

Multiple response question with 1,712 respondents offering 1,810 responses.

10. Who do you currently live with?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Alone	736	45.0
Friend	415	25.4
Family	257	15.7
Spouse / Significant other	206	12.6
Children	107	6.5
Other	61	3.7

Multiple response question with 1,634 respondents offering 1,782 responses.

11. Do you have any children?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	840	49.2
No	866	50.8
Total	1,706	100.0

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	539	66.0
No	278	34.0
Total	817	100.0

12a. If you have children under the age of 18, are any of these children currently living with you?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	210	40.0
No	315	60.0
Total	525	100.0

12b. Please indicate the age of your children under 18 who are currently living with you:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
0 - 5 years old	184	88.0
6 - 10 years old	126	60.3
11 - 15 years old	118	56.5
16 - 17 years old	36	17.2

Multiple response question with 209 respondents offering 464 responses.

13. Do you have any children under 18 that are not living with you?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	326	64.2
No	182	35.8
Total	508	100.0

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13.1. If yes, why are they not living with you?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Living with another parent / Guardian	181	60.1
Because homeless / Can't support or care for them	60	19.9
CPS / Foster care	30	10.0
Living in another state / Country	14	4.7
Recently incarcerated	5	1.7
Drug and alcohol reasons	4	1.3
Don't know	4	1.3
Other	3	1.0
Total	301	100.0

14. How many adults (other than yourself) are living with you?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
0	744	46.2
1	405	25.2
2 - 3	291	18.1
4 - 5	83	5.2
More than 5 adults / Group setting or shelter	82	5.1
Don't know	4	0.2
Total	1,609	100.0

15. Which of the following best describes your current primary living situation?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Staying with friends / Family	525	30.8
Outdoors	478	28.1
Short term housing assistance	257	15.1
Automobile / Van	159	9.3
Converted garage or other structure	147	8.6
Transitional housing	120	7.0
Motel / Hotel	14	0.8
Domestic violence shelter	13	0.8
Mental hospital / Facility	8	0.5
Other	60	3.5

Multiple response question with 1,704 respondents offering 1,781 responses.

16. How long have you been homeless since your last permanent housing?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 1 month	176	10.4
1 - 3 months	272	16.1
4 - 6 months	318	18.9
7 - 11 months	213	12.6
1 - 2 years	359	21.3
3 - 5 years	211	12.5
6 - 10 years	75	4.4
More than 10 years	63	3.7
Total	1,687	100.0

17. Were you ever homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	672	39.5
No	1,031	60.5
Total	1,703	100.0

17a. If yes, how many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
1 time	172	26.7
2 - 3 times	305	47.3
4 - 5 times	84	13.0
More than 5 times	84	13.0
Total	645	100.0

18. Before the age of 19 years, were you ever placed in foster care?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	195	11.6
No	1,490	88.4
Total	1,685	100.0

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19. Have any of the following factors contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Unemployment	1,028	61.0
High cost of housing / Rent	830	49.3
Drug / Alcohol use	580	34.4
Housing eviction	315	18.7
Disability	301	17.9
Incarceration	291	17.3
Divorce	224	13.3
Mental health issues	200	11.9
Health / Medical costs	195	11.6
Domestic violence	168	10.0
Too old for foster care	125	7.4
Runaway	78	4.6
Other	106	6.3

Multiple response question with 1,685 respondents offering 4,441 responses.

19a. What was the single biggest factor that contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Unemployment	391	28.4
High cost of housing / Rent	241	17.5
Drug / Alcohol use	235	17.1
Incarceration	98	7.1
Divorce	67	4.9
Housing eviction	48	3.5
Disability	46	3.3
Conflict with family	38	2.8
Domestic violence	32	2.3
Mental health issues	24	1.7
Health / Medical costs	19	1.4
Loss of parent / Death	18	1.3
No transportation / Car	7	0.5
Runaway / Left home	5	0.4
Too old for foster care	6	0.4
Other	96	7.0
Don't know	4	0.3
Total	1,375	100.0

20. What is preventing you from living in permanent housing?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
No job / No income	1,187	70.2
Housing affordability	805	47.6
Moving costs (security deposit, first and/or last month rent)	527	31.2
Bad Credit	401	23.7
Transportation	364	21.5
Housing availability	301	17.8
Eviction	267	15.8
Criminal record	252	14.9
Other	127	7.5

Multiple response question with 1,690 respondents offering 4,231 responses.

21. Have you ever tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	665	39.0
No	1,038	61.0
Total	1,703	100.0

21a. If yes, what shelters and transitional housing facilities did you try to access?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Salvation Army	177	35.5
Desert Manna	97	19.4
Victor Valley Homeless Shelter	35	7.0
County shelter / Local shelter	15	3.0
Churches / Miscellaneous religious shelters	15	3.0
Home Again Project	12	2.4
Services out of the county	11	2.2
Oasis House	10	2.0
Frazee	9	1.8
Sober Living	7	1.4
Inland Temporary Homes	7	1.4
Doves of Big Bear	5	1.0
Cedar House	5	1.0
Desert Sanctuary / Haley House	3	0.6
Other	77	15.4
Don't know	14	2.8
Total	499	100.0

21b. If you have never tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County, why not?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Chose to stay outside / Not interested	166	20.0
Don't know about them / Where they are located	139	16.8
Stay with family and friends	97	11.7
Never tried to use one	83	10.0
Too many rules / Hassles	52	6.3
Lack of bed space / Funding	49	5.9
Pride / Not comfortable	22	2.7
No transportation	20	2.4
Live in car / Van	19	2.3
No ID / Not a citizen	19	2.3
Scared / Thefts in shelters	15	1.8
Too many people	11	1.3
Other	70	8.4
Don't know	67	8.1
Total	829	100.0

21c. Have you ever been turned away from an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	388	53.5
No	337	46.5
Total	725	100.0

21d. Why were you turned away?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Shelter had no beds available	180	46.8
I did not qualify	107	27.8
I did not follow shelter rules	69	17.9
No ID	50	13.0
Shelter did not accept pets	23	6.0
Shelter did not accept friend / Family	18	4.7
Been there before / Can only stay a certain amount of time	6	1.6
Problems with drugs and alcohol	6	1.6
Other	11	2.9
Don't know	1	0.3

Multiple response question with 385 respondents offering 471 responses.

22. In your opinion, what one type of service does San Bernardino County need the most?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
More job training / Placement programs	543	32.2
More affordable housing	491	29.1
More homeless service centers	422	25.0
More emergency shelters	372	22.1
More transitional housing	308	18.3
More drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs	248	14.7
More food and clothing banks	214	12.7
More health / Dental clinics	139	8.2
More Mental health services	121	7.2
Other	86	5.1
Don't know	7	0.4

Multiple response question with 1,686 respondents offering 2,951 responses.

23. What is your employment status?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Unemployed	1,153	68.7
Self-employed	73	4.4
Employed part-time (Less than 30 hours per week)	128	7.6
Employed full-time (More than 30 hours per week)	68	4.1
Retired	28	1.7
Disabled	185	11.0
Student	21	1.3
Other	22	1.3
Total	1,678	100.0

24. Are you actively looking for work?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	1,014	60.9
No	650	39.1
Total	1,664	100.0

25. What is your total monthly income from all sources?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
\$0 to \$199	1,000	59.6
\$200 to \$499	271	16.2
\$500 to \$749	203	12.1
\$750 to \$999	115	6.9
\$1,000 to \$1,499	60	3.6
\$1,500 or more	29	1.7
Total	1,678	100.0

26. What are your primary sources of income?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Odd jobs	712	42.6
Family / Friends	414	24.7
Job	249	14.9
Welfare / CalWorks	141	8.4
Disability	133	7.9
Social Security	129	7.7
General Relief	73	4.4
Panhandle	49	2.9
Recycling	39	2.3
Veteran's Pension	24	1.4
Unemployment	14	0.8
Pension	11	0.7
None	63	3.8
Other	116	6.9

Multiple response question with 1,673 respondents offering 2,167 responses.

27. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
I am not currently receiving any of these forms of government assistance	1,106	66.5
Food Stamps	300	18.1
MediCal	202	12.2
SSI	175	10.5
Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)	122	7.3
General Relief	89	5.4

Multiple response question with 1,662 respondents offering 1,994 responses.

28. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Don't think I'm eligible	349	28.6
No permanent address	314	25.7
Have no ID	279	22.9
Never applied	253	20.7
Dislike hassle	216	17.7
No transportation	190	15.6
Turned down	158	12.9
Do not need government assistance	99	8.1
Will apply	97	7.9
Waiting for approval	63	5.2
Other	69	5.7
Don't know	2	0.2

Multiple response question with 1,221 respondents offering 2,089 responses.

29. How could receiving government assistance be easier for you?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Easier to qualify / Easier to access	303	23.6
Help with finding housing	256	19.9
Provide me with money	106	8.2
Help with finding a job / Job training	71	5.5
Any help would be appreciated	58	4.5
Help with getting an ID so can obtain services	53	4.1
Provide transportation or make all services in one place	42	3.3
If it was easier to find out what is available	38	3.0
Don't need / Want services	34	2.6
Help with drug / Alcohol addiction	8	0.6
Other	160	12.4
Don't know	157	12.2
Total	1,286	100.0

30. What are your biggest daily problems?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Insufficient income	903	53.5
Lack of work	850	50.3
Hunger	580	34.3
Transportation	572	33.9
Depressed / Anxious	510	30.2
Finding a place to wash self / Clothes	487	28.8
Finding shelter	455	26.9
Drugs / Alcohol	451	26.7
Bored / Lonely	402	23.8
Finding a way for people to contact me	379	22.4
Health / Dental	288	17.1
Problems with police	273	16.2
Threat of crime / Violence	180	10.7
Child Care	75	4.4
Other	41	2.4

Multiple response question with 1,689 respondents offering 6,446 responses.

31. How many meals do you eat on an average day?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
None	31	1.9
One	581	34.8
Two	709	42.5
Three	294	17.6
More than three	55	3.3
Total	1,670	100.0

32. Do you usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	904	53.7
No	780	46.3
Total	1,684	100.0

33. If you have children, do they usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	298	86.6
No	46	13.4
Total	344	100.0

34. Has there been a time in the last 12 months that you or your children needed health care, dental care, or medications and did not receive it?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	441	27.4
No	1,167	72.6
Total	1,608	100.0

34a. If yes, why did you or your children not receive care?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
No medical insurance	284	67.0
No money	272	64.2
No transportation	145	34.2
Don't know where to go	83	19.6
Never tried	24	5.7
Not eligible / Turned down	8	1.9
Other	34	8.0
Don't know	1	0.2

Multiple response question with 424 respondents offering 851 responses.

35. Do you have health / dental insurance?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	447	26.7
No	1,227	73.3
Total	1,674	100.0

35a. If yes, what kind?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Medi-Cal	282	64.5
Medicare	58	13.3
Veterans Health Care	51	11.7
Private	39	8.9
Disability	24	5.5
Medically indigent adult (MIA)	23	5.3
Other	12	2.7
Don't know	9	2.1

Multiple response question with 437 respondents offering 498 responses.

36. Where do you usually get medical attention?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Emergency room	771	45.9
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	302	18.0
Don't ever go	268	16.0
Free clinic / Community clinic	226	13.5
Private doctor	159	9.5
Public Health Clinic	112	6.7
Friends / Family	84	5.0
Veteran's Administration Clinic	77	4.6
SACH Clinic	24	1.4
Other	39	2.3
Don't know	74	4.4

Multiple response question with 1,678 respondents offering 2,136 responses.

37. If you have children, have they received all their childhood vaccines?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	380	76.3
No	37	7.4
Don't know	81	16.3
Total	498	100.0

38. If you are female, are you pregnant? (Females respondents only)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	34	6.3
No	404	75.1
Not applicable	71	13.2
Decline to state	29	5.4
Total	538	100.0

38a. Have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	23	63.9
No	13	36.1
Total	36	100.0

39. In the past month, have you ever had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	602	35.8
No	934	55.5
Decline to state	146	8.7
Total	1,682	100.0

39a. In the past month, have there been at least five times that you had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	475	31.5
No	1,015	67.4
Decline to state	16	1.1
Total	1,506	100.0

40. Do you regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	1,094	65.3
No	463	27.6
Decline to state	118	7.0
Total	1,675	100.0

41. Which of the following substances have you ever used in your lifetime?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Marijuana	845	50.9
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	647	39.0
Heroin	276	16.6
Hallucinogens	263	15.9
Ecstasy	111	6.7
Inhalants (Nitrous Oxide, Huffing)	109	6.6
Other	57	3.4
Decline to state	276	16.6
Not applicable	378	22.8

Multiple response question with 1,659 respondents offering 2,962 responses.

42. Which of the following substances have you used in the last month?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Marijuana	447	27.6
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	327	20.2
Heroin	123	7.6
Hallucinogens	24	1.5
Ecstasy	17	1.1
Inhalants (Nitrous Oxide, Huffing)	15	0.9
Other	34	2.1
Decline to state	304	18.8
Not applicable	660	40.8

Multiple response question with 1,618 respondents offering 1,951 responses.

43. Have you ever received services or medications for your mental health in the past?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	316	19.0
No	1,156	69.3
Decline to state	195	11.7
Total	1,667	100.0

43a. Are you currently receiving mental health services or medications?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	158	49.7
No	160	50.3
Total	318	100.0

44. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Depression	320	19.9
High blood pressure	222	13.8
Asthma	164	10.2
Pneumonia and influenza	159	9.9
Other mental illness	140	8.7
Hepatitis (any type)	112	6.9
Sexually transmitted diseases	102	6.3
Heart problems	99	6.1
Diabetes	71	4.4
Cancer (any type)	63	3.9
Tuberculosis	40	2.5
HIV / AIDS	32	2.0
Other	96	6.0
Decline to state	229	14.2
Not applicable	569	35.3
Don't know	2	0.1

Multiple response question with 1,612 respondents offering 2,420 responses.

44a. If yes to any of the above, are you currently receiving treatment and / or medications?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	314	34.7
No	590	65.3
Total	904	100.0

45. Have you been a crime victim in the last 12 months?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	281	17.0
No	1,219	73.6
Decline to state	156	9.4
Total	1,656	100.0

45a. If yes, what type of crime was it?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Robbed	120	44.1
Physical assault	114	41.9
Domestic violence	55	20.2
Sexual assault	37	13.6
Other	33	12.1

Multiple response question with 272 respondents offering 359 responses.

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45b. If yes, did you contact a law enforcement representative about this crime?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	135	46.9
No	153	53.1
Total	288	100.0

45c. If you did not contact a law enforcement representative, why not?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Afraid to get help / Want to stay out of trouble	26	22.8
Don't want to deal with the police / Too much trouble	21	18.4
It's futile / Nothing will happen anyway	18	15.8
Law enforcement doesn't care / Help homeless	17	14.9
No phone	6	5.3
Want to take care of it themselves	6	5.3
Illegal resident	3	2.6
Other	14	12.3
Don't know	3	2.6
Total	114	100.0

48. Gender of respondent?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Female	525	32.2
Male	1,106	67.8
Total	1,631	100.0

49. Did the respondent display any of the following?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Obvious signs of dental health issue	360	45.8
Obvious signs of mental health issue	335	42.6
Obvious signs of a physical health issue	299	38.0
Open injury or wound	106	13.5

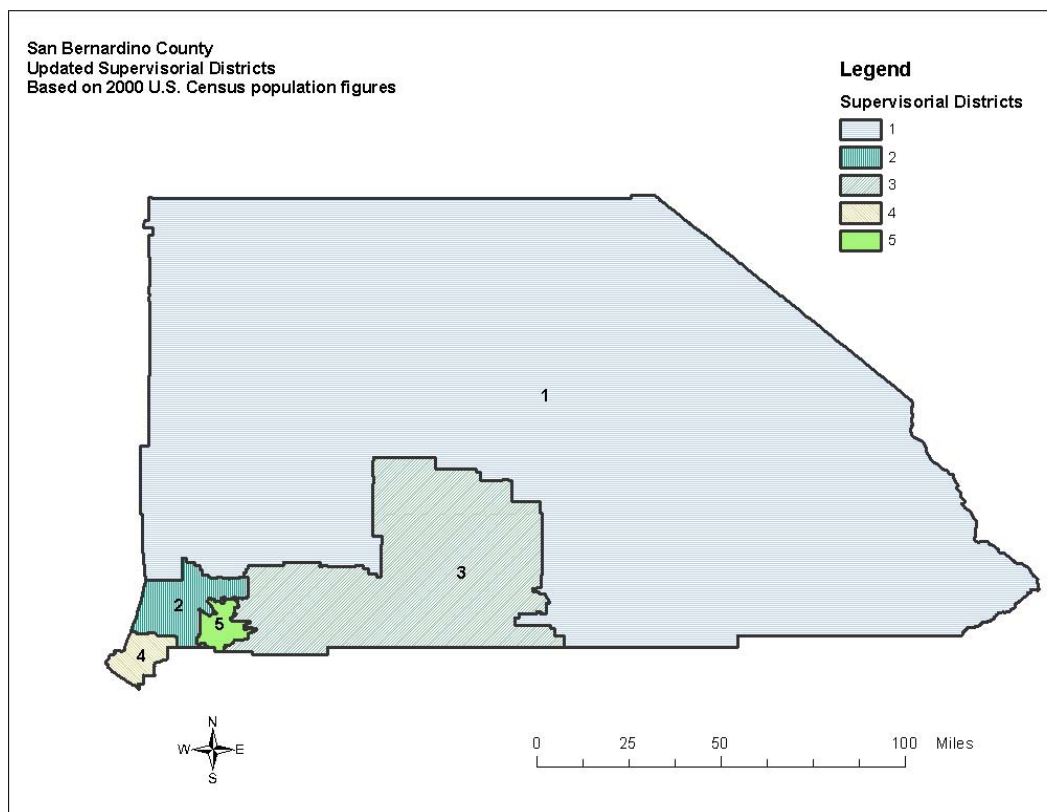
Multiple response question with 786 respondents offering 1,100 responses.

51. In which language was the interview conducted:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
English	1,558	96.0
Spanish	58	3.6
Other	7	0.4
Total	1,623	100.0

DISTRICT PROFILE

The following profile displays the results of the San Bernardino County Homeless Survey by the supervisory district of each respondent. Each of the following tables presents the percentage of respondents within each district that indicated each of the possible response options. The total number of respondents within each district that answered each question is included in the last row of each table. The methodology of this study was constructed to provide a sufficient sample of respondents in order to generalize across San Bernardino County's homeless population, as well as the homeless population of each Supervisorial District.



District 1: Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Needles, Twenty-nine Palms and Victorville.

District 2: Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland.

District 3: Big Bear, Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands, Yucaipa and Yucca Valley.

District 4: Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair and Ontario.

District 5: Colton, Rialto and San Bernardino.

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1. Age of respondent

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Under 18 years old	0.6	1.8	2.8	1.0	1.0
18 - 25 years old	15.1	11.1	18.9	5.3	9.6
26 - 35 years old	20.7	21.9	29.4	20.9	23.0
36 - 45 years old	37.4	38.7	31.5	37.2	37.4
46 - 55 years old	20.0	19.4	12.2	25.9	19.8
56 - 65 years old	5.1	5.4	4.2	8.6	8.0
66 - 75 years old	0.6	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.3
Over 75 years old	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
Total	489	279	286	301	313

2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
White / Caucasian	66.0	48.2	59.2	38.3	40.3
Black / African American	13.9	16.2	15.1	23.2	36.1
Hispanic / Latino	12.5	26.6	19.4	30.9	16.6
Native American	4.1	4.0	2.8	2.7	1.0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0.6	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.3
Other / Multi-ethnic	2.9	4.0	3.5	4.7	5.8
Total	488	278	284	298	313

3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. military?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	16.9	13.5	12.7	18.7	11.3
No	83.1	86.5	87.3	81.3	88.7
Total	491	274	283	299	311

3a. If yes, did you serve in any of the following wars?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
World War II	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Korean War	12.3	7.1	3.6	12.2	3.6
Vietnam War	56.1	60.7	53.6	51.2	71.4
Gulf War	28.1	17.9	32.1	14.6	17.9
Other	10.5	14.3	14.3	24.4	7.1
Responses	62	28	29	42	28
Respondents	57	28	28	41	28

4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
No formal education	1.0	2.2	0.7	0.3	1.0
3rd grade or less	0.8	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.3
6th grade or less	1.8	6.1	2.8	2.0	2.2
9th grade or less	11.7	16.9	15.4	12.5	15.7
High school (no diploma)	27.1	30.2	26.9	28.0	26.3
High school diploma or GED	39.0	23.7	31.1	33.8	34.0
Tech / Vocational degree	3.9	4.7	8.4	5.4	5.8
One year of college	6.4	7.2	7.0	8.8	5.1
Two years of college (AA / AS degree)	6.2	4.3	5.6	5.7	7.4
BA / BS degree	1.2	2.5	1.0	2.0	1.9
MA or MS / Ph.D. or professional degree (MD, JD, etc.)	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.3	0.3
Total	487	278	286	296	312

5. Were you born in the United States?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	92.0	85.2	94.1	90.6	93.9
No	8.0	14.8	5.9	9.4	6.1
Total	489	277	286	298	312

5a. If no, how long have you lived in the United States?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Less than 6 months	3.0	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0
6 - 11 months	0.0	40.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
1 - 2 years	9.1	18.8	6.3	7.4	0.0
3 - 5 years	12.1	6.3	12.5	3.7	17.6
6 - 10 years	27.3	3.1	12.5	14.8	11.8
More than 10 years	48.5	25.0	62.5	74.1	70.6
Total	33	32	16	27	17

6. Did you spend most of your childhood in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	41.0	49.5	53.0	61.5	51.3
No	59.0	50.5	47.0	38.5	48.7
Total	481	273	281	288	308

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7. How long have you lived in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Less than 6 months	10.9	9.0	8.7	5.1	6.9
6 - 11 months	3.9	10.8	4.3	3.4	7.5
1 - 2 years	7.0	11.9	7.6	7.5	8.5
3 - 5 years	9.4	11.9	10.5	8.5	10.8
6 - 10 years	14.6	9.7	9.0	8.8	10.8
More than 10 years	54.2	46.6	59.9	66.7	55.6
Total	487	277	277	294	306

8. Why do you choose to live in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Services are accessible	7.2	5.4	4.9	8.7	11.2
Work is available	10.4	9.7	12.0	11.0	9.0
Grew up here	28.0	35.3	34.5	37.0	34.3
Know people here	41.3	42.1	45.8	34.3	35.9
Cannot afford to leave / Stuck here	38.2	30.2	31.3	27.7	33.0
Know the area	28.6	28.1	29.6	30.0	28.2
Quality / Availability of shelters	3.9	4.0	2.1	1.0	6.4
Family is here	30.3	30.6	35.6	36.3	40.4
Feel safe here	12.7	15.1	18.0	12.7	10.9
Beauty / Appeal of area	7.2	5.8	8.5	4.0	5.1
Weather	10.0	7.6	9.5	5.0	10.6
Other	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.0	6.4
Don't know	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Responses	1085	604	669	632	723
Respondents	489	278	284	300	312

10. Who do you currently live with?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Alone	49.7	40.2	29.1	51.5	49.3
Spouse / Significant other	11.5	10.3	12.5	15.9	11.8
Friend	23.9	28.4	39.2	17.3	22.3
Family	12.2	19.9	21.9	10.2	16.9
Your children	5.1	8.9	4.9	8.5	6.8
Other	3.0	3.7	3.8	4.4	4.1
Responses	494	302	295	318	329
Respondents	469	271	265	295	296

11. Do you have any children?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	42.6	43.9	54.5	51.0	57.1
No	57.4	56.1	45.5	49.0	42.9
Total	491	278	286	300	308

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	66.2	62.2	78.3	53.7	65.7
No	33.8	37.8	21.7	46.3	34.3
Total	204	119	152	149	169

12a. If you have children under the age of 18, are any of these children currently living with you?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	35.1	52.8	45.8	42.3	31.8
No	64.9	47.2	54.2	57.7	68.2
Total	131	72	118	78	107

12b. Please indicate the age of your children under 18 who are currently living with you:

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
0 - 5 years old	85.1	61.1	113.0	63.6	94.3
6 - 10 years old	44.7	61.1	70.4	57.6	74.3
11 - 15 years old	44.7	63.9	50.0	72.7	65.7
16 - 17 years old	14.9	19.4	13.0	21.2	22.9
Responses	89	74	133	71	90
Respondents	47	36	54	33	35

13. Do you have any children under 18 that are not living with you?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	71.4	50.0	58.4	60.8	70.6
No	28.6	50.0	41.6	39.2	29.4
Total	133	66	113	74	102

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13.1. If yes, why are they not living with you?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Because homeless / Can't support or care for them	18.5	17.9	18.8	23.8	23.3
Living with another parent / Guardian	60.9	71.4	59.4	59.5	53.3
CPS / Foster care	9.8	3.6	12.5	7.1	13.3
Recently incarcerated	1.1	0.0	3.1	4.8	0.0
Drug and alcohol reasons	1.1	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0
Living in another state / Country	6.5	7.1	1.6	4.8	5.0
Don't know	1.1	0.0	1.6	0.0	3.3
Other	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Total	92	28	64	42	60

14. How many adults (other than yourself) are living with you?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
0	46.9	46.9	31.8	58.9	45.3
1	26.8	20.5	23.8	25.5	27.0
2 - 3	17.4	22.1	30.3	11.7	12.8
4 - 5	4.0	3.9	8.8	2.5	7.4
More than 5 adults / Group setting or shelter	4.7	6.6	4.6	1.4	7.4
Don't know	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
Total	471	258	261	282	296

15. Which of the following best describes your current primary living situation?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Short term housing assistance	14.9	12.6	19.6	16.0	11.5
Transitional housing	7.5	4.0	11.0	4.0	7.7
Domestic violence shelter	0.4	2.5	0.7	0.3	0.3
Mental hospital / Facility	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.3
Staying with friends / Family	28.9	34.5	43.4	23.7	27.9
Converted garage or other structure	11.0	7.9	6.0	7.7	9.9
Automobile / Van	6.1	12.2	7.5	12.7	9.0
Outdoors	29.7	24.1	13.5	36.3	34.3
Other	4.5	4.3	1.8	3.7	2.9
Motel / Hotel	0.4	0.0	1.1	2.0	0.6
Responses	512	286	295	319	326
Respondents	491	278	281	300	312

16. How long have you been homeless since your last permanent housing?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Less than 1 month	12.0	7.3	14.9	5.8	10.0
1 - 3 months	19.4	15.0	14.9	13.6	16.4
4 - 6 months	19.0	19.7	22.7	13.9	17.7
7 - 11 months	9.3	20.8	10.6	16.3	9.3
1 - 2 years	18.2	24.1	17.7	26.4	23.2
3 - 5 years	14.3	8.0	9.2	13.6	15.8
6 - 10 years	4.3	2.9	5.3	5.1	4.5
More than 10 years	3.5	2.2	4.6	5.4	3.2
Total	484	274	282	295	311

17. Were you ever homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	47.9	31.9	34.5	38.0	37.0
No	52.1	68.1	65.5	62.0	63.0
Total	489	279	284	300	308

17a. If yes, how many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
1 time	20.9	32.5	34.4	27.8	26.9
2 - 3 times	52.6	48.2	38.7	38.9	50.9
4 - 5 times	13.5	12.0	14.0	14.8	10.2
More than 5 times	13.0	7.2	12.9	18.5	12.0
Total	230	83	93	108	108

18. Before the age of 19 years, were you ever placed in foster care?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	10.6	11.6	16.0	9.7	10.1
No	89.4	88.4	84.0	90.3	89.9
Total	489	277	281	289	306

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19. Have any of the following factors contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
High cost of housing / Rent	45.2	45.1	52.2	53.7	52.3
Unemployment	61.2	57.8	63.1	62.8	61.0
Disability	17.0	10.5	17.2	19.5	25.6
Runaway	5.7	5.4	4.4	2.7	3.6
Health / Medical costs	13.3	8.3	11.3	12.1	11.0
Housing eviction	17.2	18.1	21.9	19.1	19.5
Domestic violence	11.1	9.4	7.7	11.4	9.4
Drug / Alcohol use	36.1	32.5	34.7	34.2	32.1
Mental health issues	14.2	7.9	11.7	10.1	13.3
Too old for foster care	7.0	7.2	10.9	2.3	9.4
Divorce	14.8	15.2	12.0	11.7	11.4
Incarceration	18.9	15.2	17.9	14.8	19.2
Other	6.0	10.8	5.5	4.0	5.2
Responses	1304	674	741	770	841
Respondents	487	277	274	298	308

19a. What was the single biggest factor that contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
High cost of housing / Rent	17.9	12.8	18.8	18.3	19.8
Unemployment	25.9	25.6	30.0	37.3	24.8
Disability	2.4	2.4	4.2	4.6	4.3
Runaway / Left home	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.4
Health / Medical costs	1.4	1.4	0.9	0.8	2.3
Housing eviction	2.4	4.7	5.2	3.7	2.7
Domestic violence	3.5	2.4	0.9	2.5	1.6
Drug / Alcohol use	21.0	14.7	19.2	13.7	14.3
Mental health issues	1.9	1.4	0.5	1.7	2.7
Too old for foster care	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.0
Divorce	5.7	5.7	4.2	3.7	4.7
Incarceration	7.1	9.5	5.2	5.0	8.5
Other	5.9	13.3	5.6	4.6	7.4
No transportation / Car	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4
Loss of parent / Death	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.2	2.3
Conflict with family	1.9	3.3	2.3	2.1	3.9
Don't know	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	424	211	213	241	258

20. What is preventing you from living in permanent housing?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
No job / No income	72.5	69.7	61.5	73.7	71.3
Housing affordability	43.3	49.1	53.1	49.3	48.1
Housing availability	16.2	15.2	22.9	14.0	21.9
Moving costs (security deposit, first and/or last month rent)	26.7	30.0	34.9	32.7	36.1
Transportation	26.1	15.5	16.4	26.0	21.0
Bad Credit	22.2	22.4	25.5	23.7	24.5
Eviction	14.4	14.4	21.5	14.0	16.5
Criminal record	16.0	11.2	14.9	17.0	14.5
Other	7.8	9.7	6.5	8.0	5.2
Responses	1194	657	707	775	803
Respondents	487	277	275	300	310

21. Have you ever tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	44.7	27.6	28.3	42.3	46.8
No	55.3	72.4	71.7	57.7	53.2
Total	490	279	283	298	310

21a. If yes, what shelters and transitional housing facilities did you try to access?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
County shelter / Local shelter	3.5	2.1	4.8	3.4	1.7
Victor Valley Homeless Shelter	19.7	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
Desert Manna	45.7	8.3	11.3	1.1	1.7
Desert Sanctuary / Haley House	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0
Doves of Big Bear	1.2	0.0	1.6	1.1	0.9
Frazee	0.0	4.2	0.0	2.2	4.3
Salvation Army	12.1	43.8	14.5	47.2	68.4
Oasis House	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.6
Cedar House	0.6	0.0	1.6	1.1	1.7
Sober Living	0.6	0.0	4.8	1.1	1.7
Churches / Miscellaneous religious shelters	1.2	2.1	11.3	3.4	1.7
Services out of the county	2.3	2.1	1.6	5.6	0.0
Other	7.5	33.3	25.8	15.7	14.5
Don't know	1.7	0.0	3.2	9.0	0.9
Inland Temporary Homes	0.0	2.1	9.7	0.0	0.0
Home Again Project	0.6	2.1	9.7	4.5	0.0
Total	173	48	62	89	117

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21b. If you have never tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County, why not?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Chose to stay outside / Not interested	23.6	15.8	13.8	21.1	24.2
Don't know about them / Where they are located	12.2	29.5	14.5	21.1	7.8
Stay with family and friends	13.1	11.6	13.8	7.0	13.3
Lack of bed space / Funding	5.1	2.1	6.9	9.9	6.3
Live in car / RV	2.1	3.4	1.3	2.1	2.3
Never tried to use one	11.8	10.3	9.4	7.0	10.9
No ID / Not a citizen	3.4	0.0	0.6	2.8	3.9
Pride / Not comfortable	3.4	3.4	1.9	0.7	3.9
Too many rules / Hassles	5.1	2.7	12.6	2.8	9.4
Too many people	3.0	0.0	1.3	0.7	0.8
Scared / Thefts in shelters	0.4	1.4	2.5	3.5	2.3
No transportation	1.3	0.0	3.8	4.9	3.1
Other	5.5	11.0	8.8	12.0	5.5
Don't know	10.1	8.9	8.8	4.2	6.3
Total	237	146	159	142	128

21c. Have you ever been turned away from an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	54.2	48.4	53.4	61.8	49.4
No	45.8	51.6	46.6	38.2	50.6
Total	227	93	88	144	154

21d. Why were you turned away?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
I did not qualify	36.6	34.9	27.7	28.1	12.0
I did not follow shelter rules	35.0	14.0	10.6	11.2	4.0
Shelter had no beds available	33.3	55.8	51.1	52.8	54.7
Shelter did not accept friend / Family	0.8	11.6	8.5	5.6	4.0
Shelter did not accept pets	6.5	16.3	4.3	0.0	8.0
No ID	11.4	2.3	6.4	11.2	26.7
Been there before / Can only stay a certain amount of time	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Problems with drugs and alcohol	2.4	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0
Other	3.3	0.0	2.1	1.1	5.3
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Responses	165	58	52	101	87
Respondents	123	43	47	89	75

22. In your opinion, what one type of service does San Bernardino County need the most?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
More emergency shelters	20.3	15.9	18.5	29.0	25.0
More transitional housing	16.0	16.6	19.6	23.2	16.4
More homeless service centers	23.2	23.2	25.2	30.6	23.7
More job training / Placement programs	42.1	21.0	31.8	30.6	30.6
More food and clothing banks	13.8	10.0	10.5	14.5	14.1
More affordable housing	26.5	26.9	33.2	36.7	25.3
More drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs	21.1	11.1	12.6	16.5	9.5
More Mental health services	12.5	4.1	5.9	6.1	3.9
More health / Dental clinics	12.5	4.1	6.6	9.4	6.3
Other	5.5	6.6	4.5	3.4	4.6
Don't know	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3
Responses	946	380	483	594	486
Respondents	487	271	286	297	304

23. What is your employment status?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Unemployed	67.2	67.4	68.3	71.1	69.9
Self-employed	4.4	4.7	5.0	3.4	3.6
Employed part-time (Less than 30 hours per week)	10.5	6.5	8.3	4.4	7.4
Employed full-time (More than 30 hours per week)	2.9	5.8	6.8	3.4	2.9
Retired	1.9	3.6	1.1	1.7	0.3
Disabled	11.1	6.2	8.6	13.9	13.9
Student	1.5	1.8	1.1	0.0	1.9
Other	0.6	4.0	0.7	2.0	0.0
Total	478	276	278	294	309

24. Are you actively looking for work?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	61.8	61.9	59.0	62.9	58.4
No	38.2	38.1	41.0	37.1	41.6
Total	477	273	273	291	308

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25. What is your total monthly income from all sources?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
\$0 to \$199	65.3	51.6	46.6	66.1	61.2
\$200 to \$499	15.4	23.1	17.8	13.1	13.7
\$500 to \$749	8.3	14.1	18.5	10.0	12.1
\$750 to \$999	7.1	5.1	8.2	5.9	8.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3.1	3.6	6.4	3.5	2.3
\$1,500 or more	0.8	2.5	2.5	1.4	2.3
Total	481	277	281	289	307

26. What are your primary sources of income?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Job	15.7	16.0	17.4	11.1	13.8
Family / Friends	24.8	26.5	27.4	26.6	19.4
Pension	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.3
Welfare / CalWorks	6.4	9.5	12.5	8.3	7.2
Veteran's Pension	0.8	1.8	1.1	2.4	1.6
Social Security	7.9	5.8	6.8	6.9	10.9
Disability	8.7	6.2	5.0	7.6	10.2
Odd jobs	47.0	43.6	39.5	43.3	37.5
General Relief	2.3	11.6	1.4	4.8	3.0
Other	4.6	12.4	5.0	6.9	7.6
None	2.9	2.5	2.8	4.5	6.3
Panhandle	3.3	2.2	3.2	1.7	3.9
Recycling	1.7	0.7	2.5	2.4	4.9
Unemployment	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.3	2.0
Responses	617	385	356	367	391
Respondents	483	275	281	289	304

27. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
General Relief	4.0	13.7	3.2	4.5	3.0
Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)	5.6	7.4	12.5	7.3	5.6
Food Stamps	18.0	19.6	19.6	15.3	17.4
MediCal	10.9	12.5	18.2	9.1	11.5
SSI	9.6	8.9	10.4	9.4	14.1
I am not currently receiving any of these forms of government assistance	65.5	64.6	67.9	69.7	66.2
Responses	543	343	369	331	359
Respondents	478	271	280	287	305

28. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Have no ID	24.0	22.7	20.1	23.0	25.1
No permanent address	22.5	27.3	27.8	25.2	27.4
No transportation	11.6	11.6	21.1	18.9	18.3
Never applied	20.8	27.3	19.1	16.7	19.6
Waiting for approval	5.5	4.5	4.3	5.0	6.4
Dislike hassle	17.3	15.2	24.9	11.7	21.0
Turned down	14.2	9.6	9.1	21.2	11.0
Will apply	9.0	5.1	8.1	9.9	6.4
Do not need government assistance	7.5	12.1	9.1	4.5	9.1
Don't think I'm eligible	26.9	32.8	32.5	28.8	25.1
Other	4.9	5.1	4.3	5.9	5.9
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
Responses	568	343	377	381	384
Respondents	346	198	209	222	219

29. How could receiving government assistance be easier for you?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Any help would be appreciated	5.8	2.9	1.0	5.5	6.3
Help with finding housing	18.8	20.7	18.1	24.4	17.2
Easier to qualify / Easier to access	23.1	17.2	26.0	21.4	29.3
Help with finding a job / Job training	5.5	6.9	4.9	5.5	5.0
If it was easier to find out what is available	2.0	3.4	6.4	2.9	1.3
Help with getting an ID so can obtain services	5.3	3.4	2.9	5.0	3.3
Don't need / Want services	3.5	1.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
Provide transportation or make all services in one place	2.5	2.9	2.5	4.6	2.9
Help with drug / Alcohol addiction	1.0	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.0
Provide me with money	8.8	5.7	5.4	10.5	8.8
Other	13.5	13.2	13.7	6.7	14.6
Don't know	10.3	21.3	16.7	9.7	8.8
Total	399	174	204	238	239

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30. What are your biggest daily problems?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Hunger	36.7	26.5	28.1	42.4	36.0
Insufficient Income	47.8	52.9	57.7	52.5	59.5
Lack of work	53.6	43.4	50.9	51.5	49.8
Finding shelter	23.3	22.1	24.2	36.0	30.9
Finding a place to wash self / Clothes	29.9	23.5	22.4	33.7	31.5
Bored / Lonely	21.6	21.3	24.2	27.9	24.8
Depressed / Anxious	31.1	19.9	32.7	34.0	31.5
Threat of crime / Violence	10.1	8.8	8.5	12.5	13.2
Health / Dental	18.6	10.7	14.6	18.2	20.6
Drugs / Alcohol	27.2	23.9	27.8	29.0	23.2
Problems with police	15.5	21.3	14.2	15.8	14.8
Finding a way for people to contact me	24.9	13.6	19.2	21.9	29.3
Transportation	31.3	25.4	34.5	38.0	40.5
Child Care	4.1	4.8	6.8	2.4	3.9
Other	0.8	5.5	1.1	2.7	2.9
Responses	1827	880	1031	1243	1282
Respondents	485	272	281	297	311

31. How many meals do you eat on an average day?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
None	1.5	1.9	1.1	3.4	1.6
One	33.8	36.7	30.6	38.0	35.4
Two	45.7	45.2	39.9	35.9	44.9
Three	17.8	14.4	24.6	18.0	12.8
More than three	1.3	1.9	3.9	4.7	5.2
Total	477	270	281	295	305

32. Do you usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	59.3	52.4	60.8	38.9	52.6
No	40.7	47.6	39.2	61.1	47.4
Total	481	271	283	296	310

33. If you have children, do they usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	82.7	81.3	94.0	86.3	85.3
No	17.3	18.8	6.0	13.7	14.7
Total	81	48	84	51	68

34. Has there been a time in the last 12 months that you or your children needed health care, dental care, or medications and did not receive it?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	32.5	17.3	20.5	30.6	31.3
No	67.5	82.7	79.5	69.4	68.7
Total	464	260	268	281	294

34a. If yes, why did you or your children not receive care?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
No money	72.4	47.7	58.0	57.3	67.0
No medical insurance	65.5	47.7	72.0	69.5	74.7
No transportation	31.7	25.0	42.0	42.7	31.9
Never tried	6.9	9.1	0.0	8.5	3.3
Don't know where to go	17.2	20.5	18.0	20.7	20.9
Other	7.6	9.1	8.0	4.9	11.0
Not eligible / Turned down	3.4	0.0	2.0	1.2	1.1
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Responses	297	70	100	169	191
Respondents	145	44	50	82	91

35. Do you have health / dental insurance?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	21.9	28.5	35.4	23.9	28.5
No	78.1	71.5	64.6	76.1	71.5
Total	488	267	280	289	309

35a. If yes, what kind?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Medi-Cal	70.5	59.2	61.5	70.1	60.0
Medicare	17.1	14.5	11.5	7.5	12.9
Disability	5.7	3.9	5.2	4.5	7.1
Private	7.6	13.2	11.5	4.5	8.2
Veterans Health Care	9.5	14.5	7.3	16.4	12.9
Don't know	0.0	1.3	4.2	3.0	2.4
Other	2.9	5.3	1.0	3.0	2.4
Medically indigent adult (MIA)	4.8	1.3	5.2	3.0	10.6
Responses	124	86	103	75	99
Respondents	105	76	96	67	85

36. Where do you usually get medical attention?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Emergency room	59.9	30.3	47.3	41.8	37.7
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	15.1	15.1	9.0	24.2	28.9
SACH Clinic	0.4	2.6	2.5	1.3	1.0
Public Health Clinic	7.0	5.5	7.9	5.1	6.2
Veteran's Administration Clinic	3.9	6.3	3.2	4.7	5.5
Free clinic / Community clinic	13.4	8.1	13.4	15.5	14.3
Private doctor	11.2	8.1	11.6	8.1	8.4
Friends / Family	5.4	6.3	4.3	6.1	3.2
Don't ever go	12.2	25.5	15.5	16.5	14.6
Don't know	2.5	7.4	6.1	4.4	3.6
Other	1.4	2.6	2.9	2.0	2.9
Responses	641	319	343	385	389
Respondents	484	271	277	297	308

37. If you have children, have they received all their childhood vaccines?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	79.0	74.6	84.3	72.5	69.8
No	8.7	9.0	2.9	8.8	5.2
Don't know	12.3	16.4	12.7	18.8	25.0
Total	138	67	102	80	96

38. If you are female, are you pregnant? (Females respondents only)

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	4.7	7.1	6.7	6.0	6.8
No	81.1	65.3	74.0	72.3	78.4
Not applicable	11.5	10.2	13.5	21.7	12.5
Decline to state	2.7	17.3	5.8	0.0	2.3
Total	148	98	104	83	88

38a. Have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	66.7	42.9	57.1	80.0	83.3
No	33.3	57.1	42.9	20.0	16.7
Total	9	7	7	5	6

39. In the past month, have you ever had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	39.8	31.4	31.8	33.8	38.3
No	54.6	51.3	56.7	58.8	56.6
Decline to state	5.6	17.3	11.6	7.4	5.1
Total	485	271	277	296	311

39a. In the past month, have there been at least five times that you had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	34.7	30.8	28.2	26.0	34.5
No	64.4	67.9	71.0	72.1	64.8
Decline to state	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.9	0.7
Total	449	221	241	269	287

40. Do you regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	72.7	51.7	58.7	67.3	68.3
No	23.6	31.0	29.0	29.0	29.4
Decline to state	3.7	17.3	12.3	3.7	2.3
Total	483	271	276	297	306

41. Which of the following substances have you ever used in your lifetime?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Marijuana	52.6	46.6	51.4	45.3	56.2
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	42.8	34.0	43.8	31.8	39.9
Ecstasy	5.7	9.7	6.9	4.5	6.5
Hallucinogens	18.7	11.9	16.7	10.4	18.2
Heroin	14.9	16.4	10.1	26.0	16.2
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	8.8	4.9	6.5	2.4	7.8
Other	3.1	5.6	1.1	4.8	2.9
Decline to state	16.8	18.7	23.9	13.5	12.0
Not applicable	22.9	19.4	17.4	28.4	24.4
Responses	888	448	491	483	567
Respondents	477	268	276	289	308

42. Which of the following substances have you used in the last month?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Marijuana	27.0	35.0	24.1	22.2	30.1
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	22.9	21.7	15.8	18.7	20.9
Ecstasy	1.1	1.5	0.4	0.4	2.0
Hallucinogens	1.7	0.8	2.6	0.4	1.7
Heroin	5.2	12.5	2.6	15.5	4.3
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	1.9	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.7
Other	1.3	3.0	1.1	4.9	1.0
Decline to state	18.6	19.0	27.1	15.8	14.9
Not applicable	41.7	31.2	43.2	42.3	43.0
Responses	562	331	311	342	358
Respondents	463	263	266	284	302

43. Have you ever received services or medications for your mental health in the past?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	20.0	11.8	14.9	20.0	25.4
No	70.7	70.0	69.1	73.6	63.2
Decline to state	9.3	18.3	16.0	6.4	11.4
Total	485	263	275	295	307

43a. Are you currently receiving mental health services or medications?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	44.7	48.6	53.3	44.1	61.8
No	55.3	51.4	46.7	55.9	38.2
Total	94	35	45	59	76

44. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Tuberculosis	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.0
HIV / AIDS	1.1	6.1	1.9	1.0	1.3
Hepatitis (any type)	5.3	9.8	5.2	9.8	6.6
Sexually transmitted diseases	4.7	8.9	6.7	6.6	6.3
Diabetes	4.2	4.5	4.1	5.2	4.7
Asthma	10.6	7.3	8.6	11.1	12.0
Heart problems	6.2	4.9	7.1	5.9	6.3
High blood pressure	11.7	13.0	9.4	21.3	14.0
Cancer (any type)	4.7	3.7	2.2	3.5	5.0
Pneumonia and influenza	12.5	6.9	9.4	5.9	12.6
Depression	22.1	10.2	15.7	20.2	25.9
Other mental illness	10.4	5.3	5.6	7.3	13.0
Other	5.3	4.5	4.9	8.4	6.0
Decline to state	14.2	19.5	21.3	7.7	10.6
Not applicable	36.1	33.3	35.6	35.9	35.9
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Responses	714	346	376	437	490
Respondents	471	246	267	287	301

44a. If yes to any of the above, are you currently receiving treatment and / or medications?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	29.5	35.8	39.6	31.1	45.7
No	70.5	64.2	60.4	68.9	54.3
Total	275	123	134	167	175

45. Have you been a crime victim in the last 12 months?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	20.4	13.5	14.1	17.9	16.2
No	72.7	70.4	72.1	77.3	75.3
Decline to state	6.9	16.2	13.8	4.8	8.4
Total	480	260	276	291	308

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45a. If yes, what type of crime was it?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Physical assault	38.8	33.3	51.4	48.0	38.3
Robbed	46.9	45.5	37.8	38.0	44.7
Domestic violence	28.6	12.1	13.5	18.0	14.9
Sexual assault	12.2	18.2	18.9	10.0	12.8
Other	10.2	12.1	16.2	14.0	12.8
Responses	134	40	51	64	58
Respondents	98	33	37	50	47

45b. If yes, did you contact a law enforcement representative about this crime?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Yes	60.6	43.2	31.0	47.2	34.0
No	39.4	56.8	69.0	52.8	66.0
Total	99	37	42	53	50

45c. If you did not contact a law enforcement representative, why not?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Law enforcement doesn't care / Help homeless	18.8	21.4	4.2	12.5	19.2
It's futile / Nothing will happen anyway	31.3	14.3	8.3	6.3	11.5
Afraid to get help / Want to stay out of trouble	15.6	14.3	33.3	18.8	23.1
No phone	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4
Want to take care of it themselves	0.0	14.3	8.3	0.0	7.7
Illegal resident	3.1	7.1	0.0	0.0	3.8
Don't want to deal with the police / Too much trouble	15.6	7.1	33.3	31.3	7.7
Other	6.3	21.4	12.5	25.0	7.7
Don't know	3.1	0.0	0.0	6.3	3.8
Total	32	14	24	16	26

48. Gender of respondent?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Female	30.1	36.1	37.2	29.5	28.2
Male	69.9	63.9	62.8	70.5	71.8
Total	475	266	274	281	294

49. Did the respondent display any of the following?

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Open injury or wound	11.9	18.4	19.6	10.4	11.3
Obvious signs of a physical health issue	27.2	48.0	42.1	51.9	33.8
Obvious signs of mental health issue	44.7	32.0	47.7	44.4	41.9
Obvious signs of dental health issue	46.8	39.2	57.0	43.0	43.1
Responses	307	172	178	202	208
Respondents	235	125	107	135	160

51. In which language was the interview conducted:

RESPONSE	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
English	96.4	89.4	97.5	97.5	98.0
Spanish	3.6	8.3	2.2	2.5	2.0
Other	0.0	2.3	0.4	0.0	0.0
Total	472	264	276	279	293

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The following profile displays the results of the San Bernardino County Homeless Survey by the primary nighttime accommodation of each respondent. Respondents who were staying in any type of emergency shelter or transitional housing are included in the shelter column. Respondents who were sleeping outdoors are included in the outdoors column. Respondents who were living temporarily with family or friends or were living in structures not intended for human habitation are included in the hidden column. Respondents living in vehicles are included in the vehicle column. Each of the following tables presents the percentage of respondents within each category that indicated each of the possible response options. The total number of respondents within each category that answered each question is included in the last row of each table.

The methodology of this study was constructed to provide a sufficient sample of respondents in order to generalize across San Bernardino County's homeless population. However, the actual number of San Bernardino County homeless residents within each nighttime accommodation category included in this profile is unknown. Therefore, caution should be exercised in the application of any confidence level in the following data. While the following results reflect an accurate representation of homeless residents who were interviewed, they may not reflect an accurate representation of the total homeless population of San Bernardino County in each primary nighttime accommodation category.

1. Age of respondent

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Under 18 years old	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.4
18 - 25 years old	14.4	7.6	16.1	7.6
26 - 35 years old	24.5	19.8	25.2	17.9
36 - 45 years old	35.5	37.6	36.3	40.0
46 - 55 years old	17.9	25.3	15.8	20.0
56 - 65 years old	5.3	7.8	4.4	11.7
66 - 75 years old	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7
Over 75 years old	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7
Total	375	450	664	145

2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
White / Caucasian	53.3	50.3	52.2	53.8
Black / African American	21.9	23.4	18.2	16.6
Hispanic / Latino	16.0	19.2	23.2	21.4
Native American	3.5	2.4	2.6	3.4
Asian / Pacific Islander	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.7
Other / Multi-ethnic	4.5	4.2	3.5	4.1
Total	375	449	659	145

3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. military?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	15.2	20.5	11.1	15.2
No	84.8	79.5	88.9	84.8
Total	374	448	660	145

5. Were you born in the United States?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	93.8	89.3	91.2	89.5
No	6.2	10.7	8.8	10.5
Total	373	450	662	143

5a. If no, how long have you lived in the United States?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Less than 6 months	0.0	2.6	7.7	0.0
6 - 11 months	4.5	10.5	9.6	21.4
1 - 2 years	13.6	5.3	7.7	14.3
3 - 5 years	0.0	18.4	7.7	7.1
6 - 10 years	0.0	21.1	17.3	7.1
More than 10 years	81.8	42.1	50.0	50.0
Total	22	38	52	14

6. Did you spend most of your childhood in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	39.5	46.5	56.7	42.8
No	60.5	53.5	43.3	57.2
Total	370	441	647	138

7. How long have you lived in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Less than 6 months	14.4	12.6	5.5	10.1
6 - 11 months	6.8	5.6	4.9	9.4
1 - 2 years	11.9	8.6	6.6	6.5
3 - 5 years	8.9	9.9	10.5	10.8
6 - 10 years	13.3	9.5	10.5	12.2
More than 10 years	44.7	53.7	62.0	51.1
Total	369	443	656	139

8. Why do you choose to live in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Services are accessible	10.9	6.2	6.5	8.3
Work is available	13.3	8.5	9.8	11.8
Grew up here	23.5	32.1	38.8	27.8
Know people here	34.4	33.0	48.2	41.0
Cannot afford to leave / Stuck here	28.0	33.6	33.5	42.4
Know the area	23.2	28.1	33.1	26.4
Quality / Availability of shelters	6.1	3.6	2.9	3.5
Family is here	30.9	23.8	41.2	37.5
Feel safe here	13.9	13.6	15.7	10.4
Beauty / Appeal of area	9.1	5.3	5.1	6.9
Weather	11.5	8.0	8.3	6.9
Other	6.4	5.1	1.2	4.2
Don't know	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.0
Responses	794	904	1619	327
Respondents	375	449	662	144

9. What city do you live in, or where have you spent the most nights in the last month?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Adelanto	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.0
Apple Valley	2.9	1.3	3.6	2.8
Barstow	19.9	12.2	7.1	7.6
Big Bear Lake	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.0
Chino	1.1	1.8	1.1	0.7
Chino Hills	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Colton	.5	2.9	4.2	2.1
Fontana	5.1	5.1	6.3	9.0
Grand Terrace	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hesperia	0.8	4.2	6.9	3.4
Highland	0.3	0.7	0.9	2.8
Loma Linda	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.0
Montclair	1.3	0.7	0.9	0.0
Needles	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.7
Ontario	16.2	20.4	13.3	23.4
Rancho Cucamonga	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.8
Redlands	14.1	4.7	6.2	2.1
Rialto	2.7	1.1	3.5	1.4
San Bernardino	17.0	20.6	11.3	15.9
Twenty-nine Palms	4.0	1.1	3.8	0.0
Upland	5.6	8.2	7.7	9.7
Victorville	2.4	8.6	6.0	4.1
Yucaipa	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0
Yucca Valley	7.7	1.6	10.1	4.8
Joshua Tree	0.3	0.2	1.2	0.0
Crestline	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.4
Other District One locations	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.4
Other District Three locations	0.3	0.4	2.6	2.1
Out of County, but within California	1.9	1.6	0.3	2.1
Out of State	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.7
Other	0.3	1.1	0.5	2.8
Responses	418	475	687	150
Respondents	376	451	664	145

10. Who do you currently live with?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Alone	38.4	79.1	20.7	62.9
Spouse / Significant other	16.6	8.8	11.9	18.6
Friend	23.1	8.2	42.2	10.7
Family	12.8	4.3	27.5	7.1
Your children	16.3	0.7	6.4	3.6
Other	4.1	2.9	3.2	2.1
Responses	356	459	736	147
Respondents	320	441	658	140

11. Do you have any children?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	62.0	40.0	48.3	49.0
No	38.0	60.0	51.7	51.0
Total	374	450	661	145

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	78.7	43.7	70.6	62.7
No	21.3	56.3	29.4	37.3
Total	225	174	313	67

12a. If you have children under the age of 18, are any of these children currently living with you?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	46.9	11.3	49.8	19.5
No	53.1	88.7	50.2	80.5
Total	175	71	215	41

12b. Please indicate the age of your children under 18 who are currently living with you:

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
0 - 5 years old	90.9	45.5	89.8	112.5
6 - 10 years old	71.4	18.2	58.3	37.5
11 - 15 years old	62.3	45.5	52.8	62.5
16 - 17 years old	22.1	27.3	13.0	0.0
Responses	190	15	231	17
Respondents	77	11	108	8

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13. Do you have any children under 18 that are not living with you?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	57.3	94.3	54.5	82.5
No	42.7	5.7	45.5	17.5
Total	171	70	209	40

13.1. If yes, why are they not living with you?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Because homeless / Can't support or care for them	17.4	30.0	19.8	13.3
Living with another parent / Guardian	62.0	60.0	63.2	43.3
CPS / Foster care	12.0	1.7	9.4	23.3
Recently incarcerated	1.1	0.0	1.9	6.7
Drug and alcohol reasons	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Living in another state / Country	3.3	8.3	3.8	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.9	6.7
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.9	6.7
Total	92	60	106	30

14. How many adults (other than yourself) are living with you?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
0	40.4	74.6	26.1	60.6
1	27.2	17.5	28.8	27.0
2 - 3	15.2	4.0	31.5	10.9
4 - 5	6.6	1.4	8.2	0.7
More than 5 adults / Group setting or shelter	10.3	1.7	5.4	0.7
Don't know	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0
Total	349	422	635	137

15. Which of the following best describes your current primary living situation?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Short term housing assistance	68.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transitional housing	31.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Domestic violence shelter	0.3	2.7	0.0	0.0
Staying with friends / Family	1.6	0.0	78.0	0.0
Converted garage or other structure	1.1	0.0	21.5	0.0
Automobile / Van	0.8	0.0	1.7	100.0
Outdoors	0.8	97.3	5.1	1.4
Motel / Hotel	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0
Other	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
Responses	395	451	722	147
Respondents	377	451	665	145

16. How long have you been homeless since your last permanent housing?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Less than 1 month	19.8	3.1	10.7	6.9
1 - 3 months	18.4	14.5	15.2	19.4
4 - 6 months	16.5	15.4	22.5	19.4
7 - 11 months	9.8	12.7	14.7	12.5
1 - 2 years	18.7	22.9	20.4	27.8
3 - 5 years	6.8	19.4	11.6	8.3
6 - 10 years	5.1	7.1	2.5	4.9
More than 10 years	4.9	4.9	2.5	0.7
Total	369	449	653	144

17. Were you ever homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	45.2	42.5	34.5	37.2
No	54.8	57.5	65.5	62.8
Total	376	447	661	145

17a. If yes, how many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
1 time	34.1	20.7	28.3	20.0
2 - 3 times	36.0	48.6	52.5	60.0
4 - 5 times	15.2	11.7	9.9	16.0
More than 5 times	14.6	19.0	9.4	4.0
Total	164	179	223	50

18. Before the age of 19 years, were you ever placed in foster care?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	14.3	11.1	9.7	15.4
No	85.7	88.9	90.3	84.6
Total	371	442	657	143

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19. Have any of the following factors contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
High cost of housing / Rent	54.1	39.3	54.0	51.0
Unemployment	54.6	65.6	62.7	64.3
Disability	20.4	21.1	13.8	14.7
Runaway	5.4	4.3	4.3	4.9
Health / Medical costs	10.3	15.7	8.6	16.1
Housing eviction	24.7	13.0	19.7	19.6
Domestic violence	11.1	8.1	10.4	9.1
Drug / Alcohol use	36.1	34.6	35.0	30.1
Mental health issues	14.7	13.5	9.2	9.1
Too old for foster care	6.3	8.5	8.1	5.6
Divorce	14.7	12.8	13.1	13.3
Incarceration	17.1	19.6	15.9	18.9
Other	4.9	8.1	5.7	4.2
Responses	1010	1176	1703	373
Respondents	368	445	654	143

19a. What was the single biggest factor that contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
High cost of housing / Rent	18.2	14.9	19.3	18.3
Unemployment	26.6	28.8	29.6	29.6
Disability	4.4	3.0	3.1	0.9
Runaway / Left home	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Health / Medical costs	1.0	2.2	0.7	2.6
Housing eviction	5.7	1.9	3.5	4.3
Domestic violence	2.7	1.9	2.6	1.7
Drug / Alcohol use	20.9	16.6	16.2	14.8
Mental health issues	0.3	2.4	1.5	1.7
Too old for foster care	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
Divorce	3.0	6.5	4.8	3.5
Incarceration	6.7	8.4	6.6	8.7
No transportation / Car	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.7
Loss of parent / Death	1.0	1.4	1.7	0.0
Conflict with family	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.5
Other	6.1	7.9	6.3	7.8
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9
Total	297	368	544	115

20. What is preventing you from living in permanent housing?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
No job / No income	61.4	81.5	68.5	69.4
Housing affordability	50.0	42.3	52.1	50.0
Housing availability	24.9	14.3	18.2	13.9
Moving costs (security deposit, first and/or last month rent)	34.3	21.4	36.4	35.4
Transportation	21.4	21.4	25.7	9.7
Bad Credit	27.3	18.9	25.2	28.5
Eviction	19.2	11.4	17.6	18.1
Criminal record	14.6	17.4	14.5	12.5
Other	6.2	9.1	4.9	10.4
Responses	959	1067	1721	357
Respondents	370	449	654	144

21. Have you ever tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	53.9	45.6	27.1	33.8
No	46.1	54.4	72.9	66.2
Total	373	450	661	145

21a. If yes, what shelters and transitional housing facilities did you try to access?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
County shelter / Local shelter	3.1	3.9	2.3	.0
Victor Valley Homeless Shelter	3.1	7.1	10.7	8.8
Desert Manna	28.0	16.8	14.5	11.8
Desert Sanctuary / Haley House	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.0
Doves of Big Bear	0.0	1.3	2.3	0.0
Frazee	2.5	1.3	0.0	5.9
Salvation Army	25.5	45.2	38.9	32.4
Oasis House	5.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
Cedar House	0.6	1.3	1.5	0.0
Sober Living	2.5	0.6	0.8	2.9
Churches / Miscellaneous religious shelters	2.5	3.2	3.1	5.9
Services out of the country	0.6	3.2	2.3	2.9
Inland Temporary Homes	2.5	0.0	2.3	0.0
Home Again Project	3.7	1.3	2.3	0.0
Other	18.6	8.4	16.8	20.6
Don't know	1.2	4.5	1.5	8.8
Total	161	155	131	34

21b. If you have never tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County, why not?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Chose to stay outside / Not interested	13.4	29.0	17.3	18.9
Don't know about them / Where they are located	16.9	19.9	14.6	17.6
Stay with family and friends	6.3	0.5	23.0	0.0
Lack of bed space / Funding	9.9	9.0	3.2	2.7
Live in car / RV	0.7	0.0	0.8	20.3
Never tried to use one	9.9	10.4	8.6	13.5
No ID / Not a citizen	2.8	3.6	1.9	0.0
Pride / Not comfortable	0.0	3.2	3.5	2.7
Too many rules / Hassles	16.2	4.5	3.5	4.1
Too many people	1.4	1.4	1.1	2.7
Scared / Thefts in shelters	0.7	1.8	2.2	2.7
No transportation	1.4	1.4	3.0	4.1
Other	8.5	6.8	10.0	5.4
Don't know	12.0	8.6	7.3	5.4
Total	142	221	370	74

21c. Have you ever been turned away from an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	39.3	65.1	54.5	66.1
No	60.7	34.9	45.5	33.9
Total	214	209	211	56

21d. Why were you turned away?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
I did not qualify	32.1	14.8	35.4	32.4
I did not follow shelter rules	10.7	22.2	21.2	10.8
Shelter had no beds available	45.2	45.9	48.7	51.4
Shelter did not accept friend / Family	7.1	2.2	4.4	8.1
Shelter did not accept pets	2.4	4.4	7.1	18.9
No ID	15.5	14.8	11.5	5.4
Been there before / Can only stay a certain amount of time	1.2	2.2	0.9	2.7
Problems with drugs and alcohol	2.4	0.7	0.9	2.7
Other	2.4	3.0	3.5	2.7
Don't know	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Responses	100	150	151	50
Respondents	84	135	113	37

22. In your opinion, what one type of service does San Bernardino County need the most?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
More emergency shelters	25.1	28.4	15.2	21.0
More transitional housing	26.1	17.8	14.3	16.8
More homeless service centers	24.5	29.5	21.9	25.9
More job training / Placement programs	31.2	26.6	37.6	30.8
More food and clothing banks	12.3	14.2	10.6	15.4
More affordable housing	32.3	20.7	32.1	35.0
More drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs	11.5	15.1	16.4	14.7
More Mental health services	5.6	8.1	6.9	9.1
More health / Dental clinics	8.3	8.1	7.7	9.1
Other	5.3	5.2	4.4	7.7
Don't know	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.7
Responses	684	775	1090	266
Respondents	375	444	652	143

23. What is your employment status?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Unemployed	64.6	78.4	66.7	65.0
Self-employed	3.8	2.0	5.3	7.7
Employed part-time (Less than 30 hours per week)	10.3	3.4	9.1	7.7
Employed full-time (More than 30 hours per week)	6.2	0.9	5.1	2.1
Retired	1.4	2.2	1.2	0.7
Disabled	11.4	10.8	9.9	14.0
Student	1.6	0.2	1.4	2.8
Other	0.8	2.0	1.2	0.0
Total	370	445	646	143

24. Are you actively looking for work?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	58.9	59.9	64.0	65.0
No	41.1	40.1	36.0	35.0
Total	370	441	641	140

25. What is your total monthly income from all sources?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
\$0 to \$199	48.5	77.3	53.8	62.7
\$200 to \$499	13.2	12.7	19.8	20.4
\$500 to \$749	16.4	5.9	14.1	12.0
\$750 to \$999	12.1	2.9	6.8	2.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6.7	0.7	3.8	1.4
\$1,500 or more	3.0	0.5	1.7	0.7
Total	371	441	651	142

26. What are your primary sources of income?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Job	21.8	5.3	16.8	14.2
Family / Friends	21.5	14.9	35.8	20.6
Pension	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7
Welfare / CalWorks	16.3	3.7	8.9	2.1
Veteran's Pension	0.8	2.5	1.2	0.7
Social Security	11.7	5.9	5.8	6.4
Disability	9.3	7.6	6.3	9.2
Odd jobs	25.3	51.5	45.9	50.4
General Relief	3.5	3.4	5.5	5.7
Other	5.7	8.5	5.5	7.8
None	3.8	7.1	1.4	5.0
Panhandle	1.1	7.3	1.7	1.4
Recycling	1.4	4.3	1.7	2.1
Unemployment	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.4
Responses	454	539	902	180
Respondents	367	437	654	141

27. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
General Relief	4.7	4.8	6.9	4.3
Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)	14.9	1.1	8.6	2.9
Food Stamps	26.7	14.1	17.1	15.1
MediCal	18.7	4.8	15.0	7.2
SSI	14.0	8.7	8.8	9.4
I am not currently receiving any of these forms of government assistance	53.7	74.5	67.4	72.7
Responses	482	474	803	155
Respondents	363	439	648	139

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28. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Have no ID	20.3	29.1	21.1	19.4
No permanent address	16.5	32.2	24.5	32.4
No transportation	11.0	19.1	16.2	10.2
Never applied	15.2	18.5	25.3	23.1
Waiting for approval	9.7	3.7	4.3	4.6
Dislike hassle	17.7	18.5	16.2	22.2
Turned down	13.1	16.8	10.4	13.0
Will apply	8.9	6.6	9.4	5.6
Do not need government assistance	8.4	6.6	9.6	6.5
Don't think I'm eligible	23.6	25.6	32.8	25.9
Other	6.8	4.0	4.9	10.2
Don't know	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Responses	358	636	820	187
Respondents	237	351	470	108

29. How could receiving government assistance be easier for you?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Any help would be appreciated	2.6	4.9	4.9	5.0
Help with finding housing	17.2	22.8	19.3	18.8
Easier to qualify / Easier to access	26.6	22.2	21.1	30.7
Help with finding a job / Job training	7.3	6.2	3.9	7.9
If it was easier to find out what is available	3.6	3.0	2.4	3.0
Help with getting an ID so can obtain services	2.2	4.9	5.1	3.0
Don't need / Want services	1.8	2.4	3.4	.0
Provide transportation or make all services in one place	5.1	4.3	2.0	2.0
Help with drug / Alcohol addiction	0.0	0.8	1.0	0.0
Provide me with money	10.2	7.0	8.1	7.9
Other	12.8	8.7	15.6	9.9
Don't know	10.6	12.7	13.2	11.9
Total	274	369	493	101

30. What are your biggest daily problems?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Hunger	24.5	54.4	23.9	43.3
Insufficient Income	52.2	52.0	54.1	66.0
Lack of work	45.4	52.7	51.7	53.2
Finding shelter	22.0	46.7	16.2	29.1
Finding a place to wash self / Clothes	18.5	47.6	18.0	48.2
Bored / Lonely	23.9	25.6	22.2	27.7
Depressed / Anxious	32.5	30.0	28.7	34.8
Threat of crime / Violence	9.7	17.1	6.7	10.6
Health / Dental	17.7	20.7	14.1	17.7
Drugs / Alcohol	18.5	30.7	29.8	24.1
Problems with police	9.4	22.2	16.1	15.6
Finding a way for people to contact me	22.0	26.4	17.7	33.3
Transportation	36.6	36.0	35.0	17.7
Child Care	5.6	1.8	6.1	2.1
Other	1.1	3.6	1.5	2.1
Responses	1264	2103	2236	600
Respondents	372	450	654	141

31. How many meals do you eat on an average day?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
None	0.5	2.5	1.7	2.9
One	28.6	51.9	25.0	43.9
Two	36.5	36.6	51.2	37.4
Three	30.2	6.1	19.1	13.7
More than three	4.1	2.9	3.1	2.2
Total	367	443	649	139

32. Do you usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	66.6	37.9	60.1	41.7
No	33.4	62.1	39.9	58.3
Total	371	446	654	139

33. If you have children, do they usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	87.3	84.0	87.7	84.6
No	12.7	16.0	12.3	15.4
Total	126	25	154	26

34. Has there been a time in the last 12 months that you or your children needed health care, dental care, or medications and did not receive it?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	30.4	31.5	24.2	26.3
No	69.6	68.5	75.8	73.7
Total	365	416	625	133

34a. If yes, why did you or your children not receive care?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
No money	58.4	71.3	60.5	71.9
No medical insurance	67.3	69.0	64.6	71.9
No transportation	31.7	41.1	34.0	25.0
Never tried	5.0	8.5	4.8	3.1
Don't know where to go	14.9	25.6	15.6	28.1
Not eligible / Turned down	2.0	0.8	3.4	0.0
Other	11.9	7.0	4.1	12.5
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Responses	193	288	276	68
Respondents	101	129	147	32

35. Do you have health / dental insurance?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	41.3	13.7	27.6	18.1
No	58.7	86.3	72.4	81.9
Total	373	437	651	138

35a. If yes, what kind?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Medi-Cal	71.5	49.2	64.4	72.0
Medicare	13.2	25.4	7.9	12.0
Disability	1.3	10.2	5.1	4.0
Private	6.0	5.1	12.4	12.0
Veterans Health Care	6.6	27.1	11.9	8.0
Medically indigent adult (MIA)	7.3	8.5	2.8	4.0
Other	4.0	3.4	1.7	4.0
Don't know	1.3	1.7	2.8	0.0
Responses	168	77	193	29
Respondents	151	59	177	25

36. Where do you usually get medical attention?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Emergency room	52.6	46.2	43.8	40.4
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	15.4	19.1	18.8	19.9
SACH Clinic	1.9	0.5	2.0	1.4
Public Health Clinic	7.5	5.4	6.9	5.0
Veteran's Administration Clinic	4.9	5.9	4.0	5.0
Free clinic / Community clinic	16.7	14.0	11.7	14.9
Private doctor	15.4	2.0	11.7	6.4
Friends / Family	4.3	3.8	7.1	3.5
Don't ever go	5.7	21.4	16.9	22.7
Don't know	4.0	5.2	3.8	4.3
Other	2.2	2.5	1.8	1.4
Responses	484	559	836	176
Respondents	371	444	650	141

37. If you have children, have they received all their childhood vaccines?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	81.6	65.8	77.1	74.4
No	8.2	6.6	6.8	5.1
Don't know	10.1	27.6	16.1	20.5
Total	158	76	205	39

38. If you are female, are you pregnant? (Females respondents only)

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	4.8	5.3	9.0	4.3
No	83.1	71.1	71.7	70.2
Not applicable	7.8	15.8	13.0	23.4
Decline to state	4.2	7.9	6.3	2.1
Total	166	76	223	47

38a. Have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	77.8	25.0	71.4	0.0
No	22.2	75.0	28.6	100.0
Total	9	4	21	2

39. In the past month, have you ever had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	22.8	45.7	37.1	34.3
No	69.9	48.2	51.8	58.0
Decline to state	7.3	6.1	11.1	7.7
Total	372	446	649	143

39a. In the past month, have there been at least five times that you had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	18.1	41.2	34.2	29.2
No	81.3	57.1	65.0	69.2
Decline to state	0.6	1.7	0.9	1.5
Total	343	408	565	130

40. Do you regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	65.5	70.6	61.8	69.7
No	29.3	24.9	28.3	26.1
Decline to state	5.2	4.5	9.8	4.2
Total	368	442	650	142

41. Which of the following substances have you ever used in your lifetime?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Marijuana	52.2	53.0	50.2	48.9
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	42.3	38.5	38.4	34.8
Ecstasy	9.6	4.6	6.7	7.1
Hallucinogens	21.3	14.9	14.1	12.1
Heroin	14.2	20.0	15.7	14.9
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	9.6	7.3	4.2	5.7
Other	4.4	2.3	3.6	2.8
Decline to state	15.6	14.2	19.1	17.7
Not applicable	23.0	24.5	20.0	24.8
Responses	703	782	1109	238
Respondents	366	436	645	141

42. Which of the following substances have you used in the last month?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Marijuana	19.6	33.8	30.4	21.9
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	14.2	23.7	21.4	19.7
Ecstasy	1.1	1.2	1.3	.0
Hallucinogens	1.4	1.6	1.7	.0
Heroin	2.3	10.3	8.5	8.8
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	0.6	1.9	0.5	0.0
Other	1.7	1.9	2.7	0.7
Decline to state	19.3	16.2	20.7	19.0
Not applicable	50.0	38.0	35.3	45.3
Responses	388	548	774	158
Respondents	352	426	632	137

43. Have you ever received services or medications for your mental health in the past?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	27.7	17.0	13.1	21.4
No	62.5	71.9	73.5	65.7
Decline to state	9.8	11.1	13.4	12.9
Total	368	441	648	140

43a. Are you currently receiving mental health services or medications?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	56.1	41.3	50.6	53.1
No	43.9	58.7	49.4	46.9
Total	98	75	87	32

44. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Tuberculosis	2.5	3.3	2.2	0.0
HIV / AIDS	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.2
Hepatitis (any type)	6.4	9.4	5.5	8.8
Sexually transmitted diseases	6.4	6.6	5.6	10.9
Diabetes	5.3	4.7	3.7	5.8
Asthma	15.1	8.0	9.6	8.8
Heart problems	7.0	6.6	4.7	8.8
High blood pressure	18.7	12.0	13.0	13.1
Cancer (any type)	5.6	3.5	3.4	3.6
Pneumonia and influenza	11.7	10.6	9.0	10.2
Depression	25.7	20.9	15.6	21.9
Other mental illness	10.1	10.6	6.4	8.0
Other	8.7	5.9	3.7	6.6
Decline to state	11.7	13.2	17.7	11.7
Not applicable	30.2	36.2	37.7	27.0
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7
Responses	598	652	873	203
Respondents	358	425	623	137

44a. If yes to any of the above, are you currently receiving treatment and / or medications?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	41.0	28.3	35.0	36.5
No	59.0	71.7	65.0	63.5
Total	229	230	323	85

45. Have you been a crime victim in the last 12 months?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	17.1	20.1	13.7	21.0
No	75.3	72.5	73.9	73.2
Decline to state	7.6	7.4	12.4	5.8
Total	369	433	643	138

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45a. If yes, what type of crime was it?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Physical assault	38.3	61.2	27.6	41.4
Robbed	41.7	47.1	47.1	37.9
Domestic violence	31.7	10.6	26.4	13.8
Sexual assault	18.3	10.6	13.8	13.8
Other	13.3	9.4	9.2	10.3
Responses	86	118	108	34
Respondents	60	85	87	29

45b. If yes, did you contact a law enforcement representative about this crime?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Yes	50.0	35.4	52.6	45.2
No	50.0	64.6	47.4	54.8
Total	70	82	95	31

45c. If you did not contact a law enforcement representative, why not?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Law enforcement doesn't care / Help homeless	0.0	29.3	12.1	0.0
It's futile / Nothing will happen anyway	4.8	14.6	24.2	18.8
Afraid to get help / Want to stay out of trouble	28.6	12.2	27.3	31.3
No phone	9.5	4.9	3.0	6.3
Want to take care of it themselves	9.5	2.4	.0	18.8
Illegal resident	9.5	.0	3.0	.0
Don't want to deal with the police / Too much trouble	19.0	24.4	15.2	12.5
Other	14.3	9.8	15.2	12.5
Don't know	4.8	2.4	0.0	0.0
Total	21	41	33	16

48. Gender of respondent?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Female	46.0	16.7	33.8	34.6
Male	54.0	83.3	66.2	65.4
Total	359	432	633	136

49. Did the respondent display any of the following?

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
Open injury or wound	8.9	13.5	14.7	18.3
Obvious signs of a physical health issue	35.7	39.8	39.7	35.2
Obvious signs of mental health issue	48.2	41.4	44.1	28.2
Obvious signs of dental health issue	38.1	53.3	43.4	49.3
Responses	220	361	386	93
Respondents	168	244	272	71

51. In which language was the interview conducted:

RESPONSE	SHELTERED	OUTDOORS	HIDDEN	VEHICLE
English	97.8	93.5	96.0	97.0
Spanish	1.7	6.0	3.6	2.2
Other	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7
Total	356	434	631	134

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LENGTH OF HOMELESSNESS PROFILE

The following profile displays the results of the San Bernardino County Homeless Survey by length of homelessness. Each of the following tables presents the percentage of respondents within each category that indicated each of the possible response options. The total number of respondents within each category that answered each question is included in the last row of each table.

The methodology of this study was constructed to provide a sufficient sample of respondents in order to generalize across San Bernardino County's homeless population. However, the actual number of San Bernardino County homeless residents within each length of homelessness category included in this profile is unknown. Therefore, caution should be exercised in the application of any confidence level in the following data. While the following results reflect an accurate representation of homeless residents who were interviewed, they may not reflect an accurate representation of the total homeless population of San Bernardino County in each length of homelessness category.

1. Age of respondent

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Under 18 years old	1.2	1.1	1.7
18 - 25 years old	14.2	12.8	6.3
26 - 35 years old	25.0	20.9	18.1
36 - 45 years old	37.0	36.3	36.7
46 - 55 years old	16.7	21.5	25.5
56 - 65 years old	4.7	7.0	9.7
66 - 75 years old	0.7	0.3	1.7
Over 75 years old	0.4	0.0	0.3
Total	976	358	349

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2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
White / Caucasian	54.2	46.9	52.6
Black / African American	20.2	22.3	18.4
Hispanic / Latino	18.4	23.5	20.1
Native American	2.6	3.4	3.7
Asian / Pacific Islander	0.6	0.6	0.3
Other / Multi-ethnic	4.0	3.4	4.9
Total	971	358	348

3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. military?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	13.1	14.6	22.0
No	86.9	85.4	78.0
Total	971	357	346

3a. If yes, did you serve in any of the following wars?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
World War II	0.0	2.3	0.0
Korean War	6.1	9.1	11.5
Vietnam War	58.5	54.5	62.3
Gulf War	26.8	15.9	19.7
Other	12.2	27.3	6.6
Responses	85	48	61
Respondents	82	44	61

4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
No formal education	0.8	0.8	1.7
3rd grade or less	0.4	0.3	1.5
6th grade or less	2.7	2.2	3.8
9th grade or less	12.8	13.7	17.7
High school (no diploma)	28.1	27.5	26.2
High school diploma or GED	33.8	32.8	32.0
Tech / Vocational degree	5.9	5.0	3.8
One year of college	7.4	7.3	5.8
Two years of college (AA / AS degree)	5.2	7.0	6.1
BA / BS degree	2.1	2.0	1.5
MA or MS / Ph.D. or professional degree (MD, JD, etc.)	0.8	1.4	0.0
Total	972	357	344

5. Were you born in the United States?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	92.0	91.9	89.0
No	8.0	8.1	11.0
Total	974	358	345

5a. If no, how long have you lived in the United States?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Less than 6 months	6.0	4.2	0.0
6 - 11 months	19.4	0.0	0.0
1 - 2 years	7.5	25.0	2.9
3 - 5 years	6.0	16.7	11.4
6 - 10 years	13.4	12.5	17.1
More than 10 years	47.8	41.7	68.6
Total	67	24	35

6. Did you spend most of your childhood in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	47.2	51.9	52.3
No	52.8	48.1	47.7
Total	952	351	342

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7. How long have you lived in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Less than 6 months	13.1	4.5	6.1
6 - 11 months	8.0	3.7	2.0
1 - 2 years	7.8	10.7	5.8
3 - 5 years	10.1	11.0	8.8
6 - 10 years	10.7	12.1	10.2
More than 10 years	50.3	58.1	67.0
Total	957	356	342

8. Why do you choose to live in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Services are accessible	7.2	6.2	9.8
Work is available	10.2	10.1	10.9
Grew up here	28.6	36.2	41.1
Know people here	38.5	41.6	39.9
Cannot afford to leave / Stuck here	31.3	37.1	33.9
Know the area	28.4	28.4	29.6
Quality / Availability of shelters	3.4	3.7	4.6
Family is here	36.1	32.9	26.7
Feel safe here	13.7	12.6	14.9
Beauty / Appeal of area	5.5	7.0	7.5
Weather	7.1	9.0	12.6
Other	3.5	3.7	5.5
Don't know	0.4	0.3	0.0
Responses	2084	814	825
Respondents	974	356	348

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9. What city do you live in, or where have you spent the most nights in the last month?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Adelanto	1.0	0.8	0.6
Apple Valley	3.0	1.1	4.0
Barstow	12.5	9.7	11.5
Big Bear Lake	0.4	0.6	0.3
Chino	0.8	1.4	2.3
Chino Hills	0.1	0.0	0.0
Colton	2.6	1.9	4.3
Fontana	7.1	4.7	5.2
Grand Terrace	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hesperia	5.9	3.3	2.0
Highland	0.6	1.7	0.6
Loma Linda	0.4	0.3	1.1
Montclair	0.9	0.6	0.9
Needles	0.4	0.0	0.6
Ontario	14.2	21.2	19.2
Rancho Cucamonga	3.0	2.2	0.6
Redlands	7.2	5.6	8.9
Rialto	2.7	3.1	1.1
San Bernardino	13.5	17.3	18.9
Twenty-nine Palms	3.5	1.7	2.3
Upland	7.2	10.6	4.9
Victorville	3.5	7.8	10.0
Yucaipa	.3	.3	.3
Yucca Valley	7.6	5.6	4.6
Joshua Tree	0.4	0.6	0.3
Crestline	0.8	0.8	0.3
Other District One locations	0.4	0.8	0.3
Other District Three locations	2.0	0.3	0.9
Out of County, but within California	1.4	0.3	1.1
Out of State	0.9	0.6	0.0
Other	0.7	0.6	1.1
Responses	1026	378	377
Respondents	977	359	349

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10. Who do you currently live with?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Alone	39.1	49.1	58.3
Spouse / Significant other	15.2	10.5	7.8
Friend	26.3	25.0	23.7
Family	17.8	14.0	9.9
Your children	8.7	4.1	2.7
Other	3.2	2.9	6.0
Responses	1027	363	361
Respondents	930	344	333

11. Do you have any children?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	52.0	47.1	42.2
No	48.0	52.9	57.8
Total	974	357	348

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	73.5	60.6	45.9
No	26.5	39.4	54.1
Total	498	165	135

12a. If you have children under the age of 18, are any of these children currently living with you?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	46.0	28.6	21.0
No	54.0	71.4	79.0
Total	354	98	62

12b. Please indicate the age of your children under 18 who are currently living with you:

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
0 - 5 years old	89.1	88.5	91.7
6 - 10 years old	53.3	80.8	83.3
11 - 15 years old	53.9	53.8	75.0
16 - 17 years old	17.6	15.4	16.7
Responses	353	62	32
Respondents	165	26	12

13. Do you have any children under 18 that are not living with you?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	61.3	69.5	77.0
No	38.7	30.5	23.0
Total	341	95	61

13.1. If yes, why are they not living with you?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Because homeless / Can't support or care for them	22.7	19.7	9.3
Living with another parent / Guardian	56.7	60.7	74.4
CPS / Foster care	8.8	9.8	14.0
Recently incarcerated	2.1	1.6	0.0
Drug and alcohol reasons	2.1	0.0	0.0
Living in another state / Country	5.2	4.9	2.3
Other	1.5	0.0	0.0
Don't know	1.0	3.3	0.0
Total	194	61	43

14. How many adults (other than yourself) are living with you?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
0	41.0	50.3	57.1
1	27.5	24.6	19.8
2 - 3	21.4	13.7	12.8
4 - 5	4.9	6.4	4.0
More than 5 adults / Group setting or shelter	5.1	4.7	5.8
Don't know	0.1	0.3	0.6
Total	913	342	329

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15. Which of the following best describes your current primary living situation?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Short term housing assistance	18.1	10.3	11.2
Transitional housing	6.4	8.9	6.6
Domestic violence shelter	1.1	0.3	0.3
Mental hospital / Facility	0.2	0.6	1.2
Staying with friends / Family	35.8	26.3	20.5
Converted garage or other structure	6.6	10.9	12.4
Automobile / Van	9.5	11.7	6.9
Outdoors	21.6	30.4	45.0
Motel / Hotel	0.9	0.3	1.2
Other	3.3	3.1	4.0
Responses	1006	368	379
Respondents	973	358	347

16. How long have you been homeless since your last permanent housing?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Less than 1 month	18.0	0.0	0.0
1 - 3 months	27.8	0.0	0.0
4 - 6 months	32.5	0.0	0.0
7 - 11 months	21.8	0.0	0.0
1 - 2 years	0.0	100.0	0.0
3 - 5 years	0.0	0.0	60.5
6 - 10 years	0.0	0.0	21.5
More than 10 years	0.0	0.0	18.1
Total	979	359	349

17. Were you ever homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	36.3	40.8	47.3
No	63.7	59.2	52.7
Total	974	358	347

17a. If yes, how many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
1 time	33.9	25.2	9.6
2 - 3 times	47.0	54.8	43.3
4 - 5 times	10.4	14.8	17.2
More than 5 times	8.7	5.2	29.9
Total	345	135	157

18. Before the age of 19 years, were you ever placed in foster care?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	11.3	10.8	13.7
No	88.7	89.2	86.3
Total	967	352	343

19. Have any of the following factors contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
High cost of housing / Rent	53.5	43.3	41.1
Unemployment	58.9	64.0	65.7
Disability	14.7	19.9	24.3
Runaway	4.4	4.8	5.3
Health / Medical costs	9.8	11.5	15.5
Housing eviction	20.2	20.2	13.2
Domestic violence	10.5	9.0	9.4
Drug / Alcohol use	28.8	41.6	43.4
Mental health issues	9.3	11.8	19.4
Too old for foster care	7.6	5.1	9.4
Divorce	13.3	13.8	12.9
Incarceration	14.9	18.3	24.0
Other	5.7	7.6	7.0
Responses	2437	964	991
Respondents	968	356	341

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19a. What was the single biggest factor that contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
High cost of housing / Rent	19.5	18.4	9.9
Unemployment	30.0	27.9	25.1
Disability	2.6	2.6	6.4
Runaway / Left home	0.4	0.3	0.4
Health / Medical costs	1.7	1.0	1.1
Housing eviction	4.0	3.3	2.5
Domestic violence	3.0	1.0	2.1
Drug / Alcohol use	14.2	21.3	20.1
Mental health issues	1.3	1.0	3.9
Too old for foster care	0.5	0.3	0.4
Divorce	4.4	4.9	6.4
Incarceration	7.2	6.2	8.1
No transportation / Car	0.5	0.3	0.7
Loss of parent / Death	1.0	1.0	2.5
Conflict with family	2.8	3.0	2.5
Other	6.8	7.2	7.4
Don't know	0.1	0.3	0.7
Total	779	305	283

20. What is preventing you from living in permanent housing?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
No job / No income	67.8	72.5	75.4
Housing affordability	50.2	48.7	40.2
Housing availability	19.3	14.8	16.8
Moving costs (security deposit, first and/or last month rent)	32.0	31.9	27.5
Transportation	20.5	19.9	25.7
Bad Credit	23.3	22.7	25.7
Eviction	15.8	17.9	13.9
Criminal record	11.1	18.2	22.5
Other	7.1	8.1	7.8
Responses	2387	910	884
Respondents	966	357	346

21. Have you ever tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	37.2	42.2	42.2
No	62.8	57.8	57.8
Total	971	358	348

21a. If yes, what shelters and transitional housing facilities did you try to access?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
County shelter / Local shelter	2.6	3.3	3.7
Victor Valley Homeless Shelter	6.0	9.8	6.5
Desert Manna	22.2	13.8	18.7
Desert Sanctuary / Haley House	0.4	0.8	0.9
Doves of Big Bear	1.1	1.6	0.0
Frazee	2.3	1.6	0.9
Salvation Army	32.3	40.7	38.3
Oasis House	1.9	1.6	2.8
Cedar House	0.0	0.8	3.7
Sober Living	1.1	1.6	1.9
Churches / Miscellaneous religious shelters	3.0	3.3	2.8
Services out of the county	2.6	0.8	2.8
Inland Temporary Homes	1.9	1.6	0.0
Home Again Project	3.0	3.3	0.0
Other	16.9	13.0	13.1
Don't know	2.6	2.4	3.7
Total	266	123	107

21b. If you have never tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County, why not?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Chose to stay outside / Not interested	17.2	19.5	28.7
Don't know about them / Where they are located	17.8	18.9	11.1
Stay with family and friends	14.4	7.5	7.6
Lack of bed space / Funding	4.9	6.9	8.2
Live in car / RV	2.6	2.5	1.2
Never tried to use one	11.2	8.8	8.2
No ID / Not a citizen	1.6	4.4	2.3
Pride / Not comfortable	3.0	2.5	1.8
Too many rules / Hassles	4.5	6.3	11.1
Too many people	1.0	2.5	1.2
Scared / Thefts in shelters	2.0	1.9	1.2
No transportation	1.8	3.1	3.5
Other	10.1	6.9	5.3
Don't know	7.7	8.2	8.8
Total	493	159	171

21c. Have you ever been turned away from an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	51.4	52.9	60.0
No	48.6	47.1	40.0
Total	401	155	160

21d. Why were you turned away?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
I did not qualify	27.0	29.6	25.0
I did not follow shelter rules	12.7	17.3	30.2
Shelter had no beds available	47.1	48.1	46.9
Shelter did not accept friend / Family	4.9	6.2	2.1
Shelter did not accept pets	4.9	4.9	8.3
No ID	14.2	9.9	13.5
Been there before / Can only stay a certain amount of time	2.0	1.2	1.0
Problems with drugs and alcohol	1.0	3.7	1.0
Other	2.9	4.9	1.0
Don't know	0.5	0.0	0.0
Responses	239	102	124
Respondents	204	81	96

22. In your opinion, what one type of service does San Bernardino County need the most?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
More emergency shelters	20.7	21.2	25.8
More transitional housing	18.4	18.1	18.0
More homeless service centers	21.7	26.6	32.8
More job training / Placement programs	32.3	32.6	31.0
More food and clothing banks	11.9	10.8	16.2
More affordable housing	30.5	28.0	25.5
More drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs	11.0	17.3	22.6
More Mental health services	6.2	5.9	11.0
More health / Dental clinics	7.5	8.2	10.1
Other	5.3	4.5	5.2
Don't know	0.5	0.0	0.3
Responses	1597	612	685
Respondents	962	353	345

23. What is your employment status?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Unemployed	70.2	67.9	67.8
Self-employed	3.6	3.7	6.5
Employed part-time (Less than 30 hours per week)	7.9	6.5	7.1
Employed full-time (More than 30 hours per week)	4.6	3.9	2.7
Retired	2.0	0.8	1.5
Disabled	9.1	13.5	13.0
Student	1.6	1.7	0.0
Other	1.0	2.0	1.5
Total	961	355	338

24. Are you actively looking for work?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	65.4	58.3	52.3
No	34.6	41.7	47.7
Total	944	348	346

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25. What is your total monthly income from all sources?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
\$0 to \$199	54.7	65.6	68.6
\$200 to \$499	18.2	13.2	14.1
\$500 to \$749	13.1	10.6	10.6
\$750 to \$999	8.1	4.3	5.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4.4	3.2	1.5
\$1,500 or more	1.6	3.2	0.0
Total	962	349	341

26. What are your primary sources of income?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Job	16.4	12.9	11.5
Family / Friends	25.5	27.3	20.6
Pension	0.7	0.3	0.6
Welfare / CalWorks	10.5	5.7	4.4
Veteran's Pension	1.4	1.4	1.8
Social Security	8.3	6.6	6.2
Disability	7.4	8.6	8.5
Odd jobs	37.7	46.3	53.8
General Relief	5.7	2.9	2.4
None	4.1	3.7	3.2
Panhandle	2.0	3.2	5.6
Recycling	1.9	2.3	3.8
Unemployment	1.1	0.3	0.6
Other	6.2	8.6	7.6
Responses	1237	453	444
Respondents	959	348	340

27. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
General Relief	6.4	4.0	4.2
Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)	10.1	4.9	2.1
Food Stamps	20.2	17.2	13.1
MediCal	13.8	12.6	6.2
SSI	10.3	10.9	10.1
I am not currently receiving any of these forms of government assistance	64.0	67.2	73.9
Responses	1186	407	369
Respondents	950	348	337

28. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Have no ID	18.6	26.5	29.7
No permanent address	22.7	28.8	31.2
No transportation	13.4	16.9	19.7
Never applied	21.9	18.8	19.7
Waiting for approval	5.5	5.0	4.8
Dislike hassle	14.9	17.3	25.3
Turned down	13.4	9.6	15.6
Will apply	7.6	7.3	9.3
Do not need government assistance	8.2	6.5	8.2
Don't think I'm eligible	28.2	27.7	30.1
Other	4.8	6.5	7.4
Don't know	0.3	0.0	0.0
Responses	1070	445	541
Respondents	671	260	269

29. How could receiving government assistance be easier for you?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Any help would be appreciated	4.7	4.0	4.9
Help with finding housing	20.9	19.1	18.7
Easier to qualify / Easier to access	21.6	25.5	26.1
Help with finding a job / Job training	5.6	7.9	2.2
If it was easier to find out what is available	2.3	3.6	3.7
Help with getting an ID so can obtain services	3.0	4.3	7.1
Don't need / Want services	1.7	2.5	5.6
Provide transportation or make all services in one place	2.9	4.0	3.4
Help with drug / Alcohol addiction	0.6	0.4	1.1
Provide me with money	9.9	5.8	6.7
Other	13.6	11.2	11.2
Don't know	13.1	11.9	9.3
Total	726	278	268

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30. What are your biggest daily problems?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Hunger	30.6	33.3	46.6
Insufficient Income	54.0	56.2	50.3
Lack of work	53.0	48.0	45.4
Finding shelter	26.7	26.0	29.3
Finding a place to wash self / Clothes	25.9	28.0	38.5
Bored / Lonely	22.8	25.1	25.6
Depressed / Anxious	28.0	30.2	36.2
Threat of crime / Violence	8.6	12.4	14.7
Health / Dental	14.3	19.2	22.7
Drugs / Alcohol	21.8	31.4	36.5
Problems with police	14.0	16.7	22.1
Finding a way for people to contact me	23.8	18.1	23.0
Transportation	34.5	31.6	34.5
Child Care	5.7	2.8	2.3
Other	2.5	2.8	1.7
Responses	3527	1352	1494
Respondents	963	354	348

31. How many meals do you eat on an average day?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
None	1.4	2.6	2.0
One	31.1	38.1	43.0
Two	43.3	43.8	40.1
Three	20.9	13.1	11.4
More than three	3.4	2.6	3.5
Total	950	352	342

32. Do you usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	56.6	53.0	45.7
No	43.4	47.0	54.3
Total	959	353	346

33. If you have children, do they usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	87.4	86.2	82.8
No	12.6	13.8	17.2
Total	246	58	29

34. Has there been a time in the last 12 months that you or your children needed health care, dental care, or medications and did not receive it?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	24.1	32.5	31.9
No	75.9	67.5	68.1
Total	922	329	332

34a. If yes, why did you or your children not receive care?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
No money	60.4	67.9	69.3
No medical insurance	59.9	75.5	72.3
No transportation	28.8	38.7	41.6
Never tried	5.7	2.8	8.9
Don't know where to go	18.9	16.0	23.8
Not eligible / Turned down	1.9	1.9	2.0
Other	9.4	4.7	8.9
Don't know	0.5	0.0	0.0
Responses	393	220	229
Respondents	212	106	101

35. Do you have health / dental insurance?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	29.7	23.1	20.3
No	70.3	76.9	79.7
Total	952	351	345

35a. If yes, what kind?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Medi-Cal	68.3	68.8	40.9
Medicare	11.9	12.5	19.7
Disability	4.0	5.0	12.1
Private	9.4	7.5	7.6
Veterans Health Care	10.4	10.0	21.2
Medically indigent adult (MIA)	4.0	8.8	7.6
Other	3.6	0.0	3.0
Don't know	1.4	1.3	4.5
Responses	314	91	77
Respondents	278	80	66

36. Where do you usually get medical attention?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Emergency room	48.8	39.4	44.5
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	15.5	24.5	18.6
SACH Clinic	1.7	1.1	0.9
Public Health Clinic	7.8	4.2	4.9
Veteran's Administration Clinic	4.2	4.8	5.5
Free clinic / Community clinic	14.3	12.1	12.5
Private doctor	10.9	7.6	6.4
Friends / Family	5.1	4.5	5.5
Don't ever go	13.1	18.6	21.8
Other	1.6	3.4	2.9
Don't know	4.0	3.9	5.5
Responses	1210	441	444
Respondents	953	355	344

37. If you have children, have they received all their childhood vaccines?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	77.2	77.3	70.0
No	7.1	7.2	6.0
Don't know	15.7	15.5	24.0
Total	337	97	50

38. If you are female, are you pregnant? (Females respondents only)

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	7.2	6.3	0.0
No	73.8	82.3	71.0
Not applicable	12.5	9.4	23.2
Decline to state	6.4	2.1	5.8
Total	359	96	69

38a. Have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	60.7	66.7	0.0
No	39.3	33.3	0.0
Total	28	6	0

39. In the past month, have you ever had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	31.9	37.1	46.3
No	58.3	55.3	46.9
Decline to state	9.8	7.6	6.7
Total	959	356	341

39a. In the past month, have there been at least five times that you had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	27.1	33.5	43.2
No	71.8	65.8	55.1
Decline to state	1.1	0.6	1.7
Total	855	325	303

40. Do you regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	64.6	63.6	69.6
No	26.4	32.2	25.4
Decline to state	8.9	4.2	5.0
Total	953	354	342

41. Which of the following substances have you ever used in your lifetime?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Marijuana	48.9	54.0	52.2
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	35.8	43.4	44.5
Ecstasy	7.0	5.7	6.8
Hallucinogens	14.1	16.0	20.5
Heroin	13.3	18.6	24.9
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	5.3	7.4	9.5
Decline to state	18.5	14.3	15.1
Other	3.2	3.4	3.9
Not applicable	23.3	21.1	22.6
Responses	1604	644	674
Respondents	947	350	337

42. Which of the following substances have you used in the last month?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Marijuana	27.4	28.0	27.4
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	18.2	22.4	24.4
Ecstasy	1.0	.6	1.8
Hallucinogens	1.1	1.2	3.0
Heroin	5.6	9.9	11.0
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	0.5	0.6	2.4
Decline to state	20.6	14.3	19.5
Other	1.9	3.2	0.9
Not applicable	40.5	40.8	41.2
Responses	1079	415	432
Respondents	924	343	328

43. Have you ever received services or medications for your mental health in the past?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	18.1	21.6	19.0
No	70.0	68.5	68.4
Decline to state	11.9	9.9	12.6
Total	947	352	342

43a. Are you currently receiving mental health services or medications?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	50.3	52.6	46.0
No	49.7	47.4	54.0
Total	175	76	63

44. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Tuberculosis	1.9	2.3	4.2
HIV / AIDS	2.0	1.5	2.4
Hepatitis (any type)	5.3	7.6	11.1
Sexually transmitted diseases	6.1	6.7	6.9
Diabetes	4.5	4.4	4.5
Asthma	10.4	9.4	9.3
Heart problems	5.1	6.2	8.1
High blood pressure	12.3	14.7	16.6
Cancer (any type)	4.4	3.2	3.3
Pneumonia and influenza	9.7	8.8	11.4
Depression	18.8	19.6	22.0
Other mental illness	7.9	9.1	11.1
Decline to state	12.4	15.0	19.3
Not applicable	38.2	34.3	28.0
Other	5.8	7.6	4.8
Don't know	0.0	0.3	0.3
Responses	1322	514	543
Respondents	914	341	332

44a. If yes to any of the above, are you currently receiving treatment and / or medications?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	36.0	35.6	30.1
No	64.0	64.4	69.9
Total	503	188	196

45. Have you been a crime victim in the last 12 months?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	17.1	17.3	16.6
No	74.2	73.2	72.2
Decline to state	8.7	9.5	11.2
Total	945	347	338

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45a. If yes, what type of crime was it?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Physical assault	34.4	48.2	58.9
Robbed	42.0	46.4	50.0
Domestic violence	24.2	14.3	12.5
Sexual assault	13.4	8.9	19.6
Other	15.3	7.1	7.1
Responses	203	70	83
Respondents	157	56	56

45b. If yes, did you contact a law enforcement representative about this crime?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Yes	51.2	41.0	39.3
No	48.8	59.0	60.7
Total	168	61	56

45c. If you did not contact a law enforcement representative, why not?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Law enforcement doesn't care / Help homeless	12.1	17.9	18.5
It's futile / Nothing will happen anyway	12.1	25.0	14.8
Afraid to get help / Want to stay out of trouble	27.6	25.0	11.1
No phone	3.4	7.1	7.4
Want to take care of it themselves	6.9	3.6	0.0
Illegal resident	3.4	3.6	0.0
Don't want to deal with the police / Too much trouble	15.5	14.3	29.6
Other	15.5	3.6	14.8
Don't know	3.4	0.0	3.7
Total	58	28	27

48. Gender of respondent?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Female	38.3	25.7	20.3
Male	61.7	74.3	79.7
Total	933	338	335

49. Did the respondent display any of the following?

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
Open injury or wound	13.6	12.4	13.8
Obvious signs of a physical health issue	36.0	44.1	37.6
Obvious signs of mental health issue	40.5	37.9	51.4
Obvious signs of dental health issue	43.9	45.8	49.1
Responses	513	248	331
Respondents	383	177	218

51. In which language was the interview conducted:

RESPONSE	LESS THAN 1 YEAR	1-2 YEARS	OVER 2 YEARS
English	95.8	96.7	96.1
Spanish	3.8	3.3	3.3
Other	0.4	0.0	0.6
Total	929	332	337

FAMILY COMPOSITION PROFILE

The following profile displays the results of the San Bernardino County Homeless Survey by the family composition of respondents. Respondents who were under the age of 18 years are included in the column titled youth. Respondents who were single mothers with children currently living with them are included in the column titled single mothers. Respondents who were single fathers with children currently living with them are included in the column titled single fathers. Finally, respondents who were involved in a married or non-married relationship who had children currently living with them are included in the column titled couples with children. Please note that the categories presented are not mutually exclusive. Since it is possible for a respondent to be both under the age of 18 years, and also a single mother, it is possible for a single respondent to be included in two categories. Each of the following tables presents the percentage of respondents within each category that indicated each of the possible response options. The total number of respondents within each category that answered each question is included in the last row of each table.

The methodology of this study was constructed to provide a sufficient sample of respondents in order to generalize across San Bernardino County's homeless population. However, the actual number of San Bernardino County homeless residents within each family composition category included in this profile is unknown. Therefore, caution should be exercised in the application of any confidence level in the following data. While the following results reflect an accurate representation of homeless residents who were interviewed, they may not reflect an accurate representation of the total homeless population of San Bernardino County in each family composition category.

1. Age of respondent

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Under 18 years old	100.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
18 - 25 years old	0.0	14.8	21.9	22.9
26 - 35 years old	0.0	37.4	25.0	33.3
36 - 45 years old	0.0	35.7	28.1	27.1
46 - 55 years old	0.0	7.8	18.8	14.6
56 - 65 years old	0.0	1.7	3.1	2.1
66 - 75 years old	0.0	0.9	3.1	0.0
Total	22	115	32	48

2. Which racial / ethnic group do you identify with the most?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
White / Caucasian	40.9	43.4	46.9	59.6
Black / African American	13.6	28.3	21.9	12.8
Hispanic / Latino	27.3	23.9	25.0	14.9
Native American	0.0	0.9	3.1	8.5
Asian / Pacific Islander	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.1
Other / Multi-ethnic	18.2	2.7	3.1	2.1
Total	22	113	32	47

3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. military?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	0.0	1.8	9.7	10.4
No	100.0	98.2	90.3	89.6
Total	21	114	31	48

3a. If yes, did you serve in any of the following wars?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Vietnam War	0.0	100.0	100.0	50.0
Gulf War	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Responses	0.0	1	3	4
Cases	0.0	1	3	4

4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
6th grade or less	4.5	.9	12.5	0.0
9th grade or less	18.2	14.2	6.3	6.3
High school (no diploma)	36.4	25.7	43.8	27.1
High school diploma or GED	31.8	36.3	28.1	45.8
Tech / Vocational degree	4.5	6.2	0.0	6.3
One year of college	0.0	10.6	3.1	6.3
Two years of college (AA / AS degree)	0.0	2.7	3.1	8.3
BA / BS degree	4.5	1.8	3.1	.0
MA or MS / Ph.D. or professional degree (MD, JD, etc.)	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0
Total	22	113	32	48

5. Were you born in the United States?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	100.0	94.7	87.5	89.6
No	0.0	5.3	12.5	10.4
Total	22	113	32	48

5a. If no, how long have you lived in the United States?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
1 - 2 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
6 - 10 years	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
More than 10 years	0.0	100.0	50.0	75.0
Total	0.0	5	4	4

6. Did you spend most of your childhood in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	86.4	52.2	58.1	47.9
No	13.6	47.8	41.9	52.1
Total	22	113	31	48

7. How long have you lived in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Less than 6 months	4.5	11.7	6.7	14.6
6 - 11 months	0.0	4.5	6.7	4.2
1 - 2 years	18.2	7.2	3.3	2.1
3 - 5 years	0.0	8.1	16.7	8.3
6 - 10 years	13.6	17.1	13.3	14.6
More than 10 years	63.6	51.4	53.3	56.3
Total	22	111	30	48

8. Why do you choose to live in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Family is here	45.5	46.1	51.6	37.5
Know people here	27.3	33.9	38.7	35.4
Cannot afford to leave / Stuck here	9.1	32.2	22.6	29.2
Grew up here	59.1	30.4	38.7	27.1
Know the area	18.2	29.6	38.7	29.2
Feel safe here	18.2	17.4	12.9	14.6
Services are accessible	0.0	7.0	9.7	4.2
Beauty / Appeal of area	4.5	7.0	3.2	12.5
Weather	9.1	6.1	9.7	10.4
Work is available	9.1	4.3	12.9	20.8
Quality / Availability of shelters	0.0	2.6	6.5	0.0
Other	0.0	1.7	3.2	2.1
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	44	251	77	107
Cases	22	115	31	48

9. What city do you live in, or where have you spent the most nights in the last month?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Ontario	13.6	20.0	12.5	18.8
San Bernardino	9.1	10.4	15.6	14.6
Upland	4.5	10.4	6.3	8.3
Redlands	13.6	9.6	9.4	2.1
Barstow	4.5	7.8	3.1	12.5
Fontana	9.1	6.1	6.3	0.0
Twenty-nine Palms	0.0	6.1	3.1	6.3
Apple Valley	0.0	4.3	3.1	2.1
Hesperia	4.5	4.3	3.1	2.1
Yucca Valley	9.1	4.3	15.6	8.3
Rancho Cucamonga	9.1	3.5	6.3	4.2
Montclair	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
Rialto	0.0	2.6	6.3	6.3
Colton	4.5	1.7	0.0	2.1
Highland	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Victorville	4.5	1.7	3.1	4.2
Yucaipa	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Crestline	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Loma Linda	0.0	0.9	3.1	0.0
Out of State	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Adelanto	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Big Bear Lake	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chino	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chino Hills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grand Terrace	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Needles	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Joshua Tree	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Out of County, but within California	0.0	0.0	3.1	4.2
Other District One locations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other District Three locations	22.7	4.3	0.0	8.3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	24	123	32	50
Cases	22	115	32	48

10. Who do you currently live with?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Alone	28.6	7.8	15.6	0.0
Spouse / Significant other	4.8	0.0	0.0	100.0
Friend	28.6	22.6	18.8	0.0
Family	47.6	36.5	56.3	12.5
Your children	0.0	43.5	21.9	43.8
Other	0.0	0.9	6.3	4.2
Responses	23	128	38	77
Cases	21	115	32	48

11. Do you have any children?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	23.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
No	76.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	21	115	32	48

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total	5	115	32	48

12a. If you have children under the age of 18, are any of these children currently living with you?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	40.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	5	115	32	48

12b. Please indicate the age of your children under 18 who are currently living with you:

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
0 - 5 years old	0.0	79.6	100.0	80.9
6 - 10 years old	50.0	63.9	33.3	61.7
11 - 15 years old	150.0	67.6	50.0	46.8
16 - 17 years old	50.0	17.6	20.0	17.0
Responses	5	247	61	97
Cases	2	108	30	47

13. Do you have any children under 18 that are not living with you?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	60.0	19.6	27.6	26.1
No	40.0	80.4	72.4	73.9
Total	5	107	29	46

13.1. If yes, why are they not living with you?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Living with another parent / Guardian	66.7	70.6	83.3	58.3
Because homeless / Can't support or care for them	33.3	23.5	0.0	8.3
Living in another state / Country	0.0	5.9	16.7	16.7
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3
Total	3	17	6	12

14. How many adults (other than yourself) are living with you?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
0	27.3	39.8	18.5	2.1
1	40.9	22.2	29.6	66.7
2 - 3	18.2	27.8	33.3	22.9
4 - 5	9.1	5.6	11.1	4.2
More than 5 adults / Group setting or shelter	4.5	4.6	7.4	4.2
Total	22	108	27	48

15. Which of the following best describes your current primary living situation?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Staying with friends / Family	40.9	47.8	65.6	33.3
Short term housing assistance	22.7	32.2	12.5	39.6
Transitional housing	0.0	5.2	6.3	4.2
Automobile / Van	9.1	5.2	3.1	6.3
Converted garage or other structure	4.5	4.3	6.3	6.3
Domestic violence shelter	0.0	1.7	3.1	0.0
Mental hospital / Facility	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Outdoors	22.7	0.9	6.3	4.2
Motel / Hotel	0.0	2.6	0.0	4.2
Other	4.5	1.7	0.0	2.1
Responses	23	118	33	48
Cases	22	115	32	48

16. How long have you been homeless since your last permanent housing?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Less than 1 month	13.6	18.2	18.8	25.5
1 - 3 months	9.1	23.6	21.9	14.9
4 - 6 months	13.6	21.8	21.9	38.3
7 - 11 months	18.2	14.5	18.8	8.5
1 - 2 years	18.2	14.5	9.4	10.6
3 - 5 years	13.6	3.6	0.0	2.1
6 - 10 years	4.5	2.7	0.0	0.0
More than 10 years	9.1	0.9	9.4	0.0
Total	22	110	32	47

17. Were you ever homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	18.2	33.3	40.6	37.0
No	81.8	66.7	59.4	63.0
Total	22	114	32	46

17a. If yes, how many times have you been homeless prior to your current situation?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
1 time	50.0	52.6	30.8	52.9
2 - 3 times	25.0	31.6	61.5	41.2
4 - 5 times	0.0	7.9	0.0	5.9
More than 5 times	25.0	7.9	7.7	0.0
Total	4	38	13	17

18. Before the age of 19 years, were you ever placed in foster care?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	18.2	8.9	12.9	16.7
No	81.8	91.1	87.1	83.3
Total	22	112	31	48

19. Have any of the following factors contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
High cost of housing / Rent	45.5	64.9	59.4	68.1
Unemployment	50.0	49.5	62.5	51.1
Housing eviction	4.5	38.7	18.8	38.3
Domestic violence	0.0	29.7	9.4	10.6
Divorce	13.6	19.8	12.5	2.1
Drug / Alcohol use	13.6	18.9	25.0	25.5
Incarceration	13.6	13.5	18.8	8.5
Mental health issues	0.0	10.8	6.3	10.6
Disability	0.0	9.0	3.1	12.8
Runaway	31.8	6.3	6.3	0.0
Health / Medical costs	0.0	4.5	9.4	17.0
Too old for foster care	4.5	1.8	12.5	4.3
Other	22.7	6.3	12.5	8.5
Responses	44	304	82	121
Cases	22	111	32	47

19a. What was the single biggest factor that contributed to your homelessness?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
High cost of housing / Rent	11.1	31.8	25.0	22.0
Unemployment	44.4	21.2	33.3	22.0
Domestic violence	0.0	12.9	0.0	2.4
Housing eviction	0.0	10.6	0.0	4.9
Drug / Alcohol use	0.0	8.2	16.7	7.3
Divorce	11.1	4.7	4.2	2.4
Conflict with family	16.7	3.5	4.2	9.8
Incarceration	5.6	2.4	4.2	4.9
Disability	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Health / Medical costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Mental health issues	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
No transportation / Car	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Loss of parent / Death	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0
Other	11.1	4.7	8.3	14.6
Total	18	85	24	41

20. What is preventing you from living in permanent housing?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Housing affordability	50.0	63.7	53.1	60.9
No job / No income	59.1	47.8	68.8	54.3
Moving costs (security deposit, first and/or last month rent)	18.2	44.2	25.0	65.2
Bad Credit	9.1	29.2	25.0	34.8
Eviction	4.5	22.1	18.8	26.1
Housing availability	13.6	20.4	18.8	37.0
Transportation	27.3	19.5	31.3	26.1
Criminal record	0.0	6.2	21.9	6.5
Other	22.7	4.4	0.0	2.2
Responses	45	291	84	144
Cases	22	113	32	46

21. Have you ever tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	22.7	46.0	22.6	45.8
No	77.3	54.0	77.4	54.2
Total	22	113	31	48

21a. If yes, what shelters and transitional housing facilities did you try to access?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Salvation Army	80.0	23.7	25.0	38.9
Doves of Big Bear	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0
Inland Temporary Homes	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0
Home Again Project	0.0	7.9	0.0	5.6
Victor Valley Homeless Shelter	0.0	5.3	25.0	0.0
County shelter / Local shelter	0.0	2.6	25.0	5.6
Desert Sanctuary / Haley House	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
Frazee	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
Oasis House	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
Churches / Miscellaneous religious shelters	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
Services out of the county	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
Desert Manna	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1
Other	0.0	31.6	25.0	33.3
Don't know	20.0	0.0	0.0	5.6
Total	5	38	4	18

21b. If you have never tried to access a shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County, why not?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Stay with family and friends	0.0	26.7	26.7	15.8
Chose to stay outside / Not interested	0.0	11.1	6.7	31.6
Don't know about them / Where they are located	9.1	11.1	26.7	5.3
Lack of bed space / Funding	9.1	8.9	0.0	5.3
Never tried to use one	9.1	8.9	20.0	5.3
No transportation	0.0	6.7	0.0	5.3
Too many people	9.1	4.4	0.0	0.0
Too many rules / Hassles	18.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Live in car / RV	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
No ID / Not a citizen	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pride / Not comfortable	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5
Scared / Thefts in shelters	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3
Other	18.2	8.9	6.7	5.3
Don't know	9.1	11.1	13.3	10.5
Total	11	45	15	19

21c. Have you ever been turned away from an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility in San Bernardino County?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	0.0	47.5	41.7	60.0
No	100.0	52.5	58.3	40.0
Total	6	59	12	25

21d. Why were you turned away?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Shelter had no beds available	0.0	71.4	0.0	66.7
I did not qualify	0.0	32.1	25.0	20.0
Shelter did not accept friend / Family	0.0	7.1	0.0	6.7
Shelter did not accept pets	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0
No ID	0.0	3.6	50.0	0.0
I did not follow shelter rules	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Been there before / Can only stay a certain amount of time	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Problems with drugs and alcohol	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7
Other	0.0	7.1	25.0	0.0
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7
Responses	0	35	4	16
Cases	0	28	4	15

22. In your opinion, what one type of service does San Bernardino County need the most?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
More affordable housing	36.4	47.8	37.5	54.2
More transitional housing	22.7	31.9	9.4	29.2
More homeless service centers	31.8	28.3	18.8	20.8
More job training / Placement programs	18.2	28.3	37.5	35.4
More emergency shelters	31.8	22.1	15.6	18.8
More food and clothing banks	9.1	13.3	9.4	16.7
More drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs	9.1	9.7	12.5	8.3
More health / Dental clinics	4.5	8.0	3.1	12.5
More Mental health services	4.5	6.2	3.1	6.3
Other	13.6	9.7	3.1	6.3
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	40	232	48	100
Cases	22	113	32	48

23. What is your employment status?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Unemployed	40.9	61.3	61.3	60.4
Student	40.9	1.8	3.2	2.1
Employed part-time (Less than 30 hours per week)	4.5	15.3	9.7	6.3
Employed full-time (More than 30 hours per week)	0.0	10.8	9.7	6.3
Disabled	4.5	5.4	3.2	12.5
Self-employed	0.0	2.7	9.7	12.5
Retired	0.0	0.9	3.2	0.0
Other	9.1	1.8	0.0	0.0
Total	22	111	31	48

24. Are you actively looking for work?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	45.5	57.9	67.7	68.8
No	54.5	42.1	32.3	31.3
Total	22	107	31	48

25. What is your total monthly income from all sources?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
\$0 to \$199	66.7	19.8	54.8	25.0
\$200 to \$499	14.3	20.7	12.9	6.3
\$500 to \$749	9.5	30.6	19.4	25.0
\$750 to \$999	4.8	17.1	6.5	12.5
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4.8	9.9	3.2	20.8
\$1,500 or more	0.0	1.8	3.2	10.4
Total	21	111	31	48

26. What are your primary sources of income?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Welfare / CalWorks	4.5	56.6	16.1	33.3
Job	9.1	22.1	29.0	31.3
Family / Friends	50.0	18.6	38.7	12.5
Odd jobs	45.5	10.6	32.3	29.2
Social Security	4.5	8.0	9.7	16.7
Disability	4.5	4.4	3.2	6.3
Other	9.1	4.4	3.2	8.3
Panhandle	4.5	0.0	3.2	2.1
General Relief	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0
None	0.0	1.8	0.0	2.1
Pension	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Veteran's Pension	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
Recycling	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.1
Unemployment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	29	146	43	70
Cases	22	113	31	48

27. Are you currently receiving any of the following forms of government assistance?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Cash Aid (TANF or Welfare)	4.5	56.5	20.0	40.4
Food Stamps	0.0	47.0	36.7	46.8
MediCal	0.0	47.0	30.0	40.4
I am not currently receiving any of these forms of government assistance	86.4	27.8	53.3	34.0
SSI	9.1	6.1	13.3	19.1
General Relief	4.5	1.7	6.7	0.0
Responses	23	214	48	85
Cases	22	115	30	47

28. If you are not receiving any government assistance, why not?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Don't think I'm eligible	25.0	23.9	31.6	15.8
No permanent address	15.0	17.4	15.8	21.1
Never applied	30.0	15.2	21.1	15.8
Waiting for approval	0.0	13.0	5.3	10.5
Will apply	10.0	13.0	10.5	5.3
Have no ID	30.0	10.9	15.8	5.3
No transportation	5.0	8.7	15.8	10.5
Dislike hassle	20.0	8.7	5.3	21.1
Turned down	10.0	8.7	5.3	21.1
Do not need government assistance	5.0	2.2	5.3	15.8
Other	10.0	15.2	10.5	10.5
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	32	63	27	29
Cases	20	46	19	19

29. How could receiving government assistance be easier for you?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Easier to qualify / Easier to access	16.7	31.7	21.1	30.0
Help with finding housing	11.1	15.9	5.3	20.0
Provide me with money	5.6	14.3	10.5	6.7
If it was easier to find out what is available	5.6	3.2	0.0	3.3
Provide transportation or make all services in one place	22.2	3.2	0.0	3.3
Any help would be appreciated	0.0	1.6	10.5	3.3
Help with finding a job / Job training	5.6	1.6	10.5	0.0
Help with getting an ID so can obtain services	0.0	1.6	5.3	0.0
Don't need / Want services	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0
Other	16.7	20.6	15.8	26.7
Don't know	16.7	6.3	15.8	6.7
Total	18	63	19	30

30. What are your biggest daily problems?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Insufficient Income	40.9	56.9	46.7	66.0
Transportation	40.9	47.7	40.0	44.7
Depressed / Anxious	27.3	37.6	20.0	42.6
Lack of work	27.3	36.7	50.0	51.1
Child Care	0.0	31.2	20.0	31.9
Finding a way for people to contact me	4.5	25.7	20.0	36.2
Finding shelter	27.3	22.9	10.0	27.7
Bored / Lonely	36.4	16.5	16.7	12.8
Hunger	31.8	14.7	16.7	21.3
Finding a place to wash self / Clothes	9.1	11.9	3.3	25.5
Drugs / Alcohol	13.6	8.3	26.7	17.0
Health / Dental	4.5	7.3	10.0	19.1
Threat of crime / Violence	0.0	6.4	10.0	17.0
Problems with police	4.5	3.7	13.3	6.4
Other	0.0	0.9	6.7	2.1
Responses	59	358	93	198
Cases	22	109	30	47

31. How many meals do you eat on an average day?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
None	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
One	36.4	16.2	16.7	25.0
Two	27.3	46.8	46.7	45.8
Three	31.8	31.5	33.3	27.1
More than three	4.5	4.5	3.3	2.1
Total	22	111	30	48

32. Do you usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	63.6	72.3	71.0	70.8
No	36.4	27.7	29.0	29.2
Total	22	112	31	48

33. If you have children, do they usually get enough to eat?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	100.0	84.3	91.7	84.8
No	0.0	15.7	8.3	15.2
Total	4	108	24	46

34. Has there been a time in the last 12 months that you or your children needed health care, dental care, or medications and did not receive it?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	25.0	36.4	25.8	37.5
No	75.0	63.6	74.2	62.5
Total	20	110	31	48

34a. If yes, why did you or your children not receive care?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
No medical insurance	100.0	55.6	28.6	68.8
No money	60.0	38.9	57.1	56.3
No transportation	40.0	30.6	28.6	62.5
Don't know where to go	20.0	16.7	0.0	18.8
Other	20.0	8.3	14.3	6.3
Never tried	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not eligible / Turned down	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	12	54	10	34
Cases	5	36	7	16

35. Do you have health / dental insurance?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	18.2	67.9	54.8	64.6
No	81.8	32.1	45.2	35.4
Total	22	112	31	48

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35a. If yes, what kind?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Medi-Cal	75.0	96.0	75.0	75.9
Medicare	0.0	2.7	12.5	0.0
Private	0.0	1.3	6.3	10.3
Medically indigent adult (MIA)	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
Disability	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Veterans Health Care	0.0	0.0	6.3	3.4
Don't know	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	2.7	0.0	10.3
Responses	4	78	16	29
Cases	4	75	16	29

36. Where do you usually get medical attention?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Emergency room	54.5	43.2	35.5	46.8
Private doctor	4.5	26.1	12.9	31.9
Free clinic / Community clinic	9.1	19.8	16.1	8.5
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	9.1	18.9	12.9	14.9
Don't ever go	18.2	2.7	12.9	4.3
Public Health Clinic	9.1	13.5	9.7	14.9
SACH Clinic	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0
Friends / Family	9.1	4.5	6.5	10.6
Veteran's Administration Clinic	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.1
Don't know	4.5	0.0	6.5	4.3
Other	9.1	1.8	0.0	4.3
Responses	28	150	36	67
Cases	22	111	31	47

37. If you have children, have they received all their childhood vaccines?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	100.0	92.7	78.3	89.4
No	0.0	5.5	17.4	8.5
Don't know	0.0	1.8	4.3	2.1
Total	4	110	23	47

38. If you are female, are you pregnant? (females respondents only)

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	9.1	10.3	0.0	5.9
No	63.6	84.1	0.0	85.3
Not applicable	27.3	4.7	0.0	8.8
Decline to state	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Total	11	107	0	34

38a. Have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	100.0	75.0	0.0	100.0
No	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Total	1	12	0	2

39. In the past month, have you ever had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	27.3	9.8	22.6	19.1
No	63.6	82.1	71.0	74.5
Decline to state	9.1	8.0	6.5	6.4
Total	22	112	31	47

39a. In the past month, have there been at least five times that you had five or more alcoholic drinks in the same day?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	25.0	7.7	17.2	11.9
No	75.0	92.3	82.8	88.1
Total	20	104	29	42

40. Do you regularly smoke cigarettes, cigars, or use smokeless tobacco?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	54.5	50.0	64.5	57.4
No	40.9	45.6	32.3	38.3
Decline to state	4.5	4.4	3.2	4.3
Total	22	114	31	47

41. Which of the following substances have you ever used in your lifetime?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Marijuana	42.9	38.2	50.0	58.7
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	28.6	29.1	34.4	65.2
Hallucinogens	9.5	8.2	15.6	15.2
Heroin	9.5	7.3	9.4	10.9
Ecstasy	9.5	5.5	3.1	15.2
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	9.5	2.7	3.1	10.9
Other	9.5	0.9	3.1	4.3
Decline to state	14.3	13.6	9.4	6.5
Not applicable	38.1	38.2	40.6	21.7
Responses	36	158	54	96
Cases	21	110	32	46

42. Which of the following substances have you used in the last month?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Marijuana	28.6	14.6	31.3	34.1
Amphetamines (cocaine, speed)	14.3	9.7	21.9	29.3
Heroin	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hallucinogens	4.8	0.0	3.1	0.0
Inhalants (nitrous oxide, huffing)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	4.8	0.0	3.1	2.4
Decline to state	19.0	17.5	9.4	9.8
Not applicable	47.6	60.2	56.3	39.0
Responses	25	110	40	47
Cases	21	103	32	41

43. Have you ever received services or medications for your mental health in the past?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Has not Received Mental Health Services	85.7	80.6	87.5	70.2
Has Received Mental Health Services	9.5	13.0	9.4	23.4
Decline to state	4.8	6.5	3.1	6.4
Total	21	108	32	47

43a. Are you currently receiving mental health services or medications?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	33.3	57.1	50.0	41.7
No	66.7	42.9	50.0	58.3
Total	3	14	2	12

44. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Depression	10.0	15.6	16.7	31.9
High blood pressure	0.0	14.7	13.3	12.8
Asthma	5.0	12.8	10.0	23.4
Sexually transmitted diseases	5.0	9.2	6.7	6.4
Pneumonia and influenza	0.0	8.3	3.3	17.0
Decline to state	25.0	7.3	0.0	4.3
Hepatitis (any type)	0.0	4.6	3.3	10.6
Cancer (any type)	0.0	4.6	0.0	6.4
Diabetes	5.0	3.7	6.7	4.3
Heart problems	0.0	2.8	3.3	4.3
Other mental illness	5.0	2.8	3.3	8.5
Tuberculosis	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0
HIV / AIDS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	10.0	3.7	13.3	6.4
Not applicable	45.0	47.7	56.7	36.2
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Responses	22	150	42	81
Cases	20	109	30	47

44a. If yes to any of the above, are you currently receiving treatment and / or medications?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	28.6	50.0	33.3	41.4
No	71.4	50.0	66.7	58.6
Total	7	56	12	29

45. Have you been a crime victim in the last 12 months?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	0.0	14.9	12.9	23.4
No	85.7	78.9	87.1	76.6
Decline to state	14.3	6.1	0.0	0.0
Total	21	114	31	47

45a. If yes, what type of crime was it?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Physical assault	0.0	23.5	50.0	54.5
Robbed	0.0	17.6	50.0	45.5
Domestic violence	0.0	64.7	25.0	36.4
Sexual assault	0.0	17.6	25.0	9.1
Other	0.0	11.8	0.0	9.1
Responses	0	23	6	17
Cases	0	17	4	11

45b. If yes, did you contact a law enforcement representative about this crime?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Yes	0.0	52.6	60.0	33.3
No	0.0	47.4	40.0	66.7
Total	0	19	5	12

45c. If you did not contact a law enforcement representative, why not?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Afraid to get help / Want to stay out of trouble	0.0	25.0	0.0	16.7
Don't want to deal with the police / Too much trouble	0.0	25.0	0.0	33.3
It's futile / Nothing will happen anyway	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0
Law enforcement doesn't care / Help homeless	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3
No phone	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7
Other	0.0	37.5	0.0	0.0
Total	0	8	0	6

48. Gender of respondent?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Female	45.0	100.0	0.0	71.7
Male	55.0	0.0	100.0	28.3
Total	20	115	32	46

49. Did the respondent display any of the following?

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
Obvious signs of mental health issue	37.5	40.0	40.0	33.3
Obvious signs of a physical health issue	50.0	37.1	20.0	33.3
Obvious signs of dental health issue	12.5	34.3	30.0	22.2
Open injury or wound	25.0	22.9	40.0	33.3
Responses	10	47	13	11
Cases	8	35	10	9

51. In which language was the interview conducted:

RESPONSE	YOUTH	SINGLE MOTHERS	SINGLE FATHERS	COUPLES WITH CHILDREN
English	94.7	98.2	96.9	100.0
Spanish	5.3	0.9	3.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Total	19	109	32	44

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